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Voters Approve School Budget, Second Question

Princeton Regional Schools' $67 million budget and $1.9 million second ballot question were both passed by voters in last week's elections.

The 2005-2006 base budget was approved by a margin of nearly two to one. In the Township, the tally was 911 to 479, but in the Borough it passed by a narrower vote of 342 to 220.

The second ballot question, which allows the district to use additional taxpayer dollars beyond the state's spending cap, passed by only 22 votes in the Borough, and 195 votes in the Township, receiving 52 and 57 percent of the votes, respectively.

All three incumbent candidates for School Board - Michael Mostoller, Walter Bliss, and Jeffrey Spear — were re-elected for three-year terms.

Only 9 percent of Borough voters and 13 percent of Township voters turned out for last week's elections, slightly more than last year's 6 percent for the Borough and 7 percent for the Township. Last year's approved budget was $62.3 million, 7 percent less than the 2005-2006 budget.

Taxes will now increase 14 cents for Borough residents, up to $1.72 per $100 of assessed property value, and 11 cents in the Township, up to $1.54. For the average Borough resident, with a home assessed at $348,989, taxes will increase $494. For a Township taxpayer, with a home assessed at $418,097, the increase this year will be $476.

The $1.9 million supplemental budget is broken down into three parts: $1.4 million for academic intervention and support programs; $247,000 for program enhancements; and $198,000 for school safety.

Among the programs and support staff included in the $1.4 million are four employees at the elementary level to serve as guidance counselors and social workers, at a cost of $320,000; funding to continue the district's preschool program at a cost of $215,000; and four early intervention teachers to work with children in grades kindergarten through second on reading and literacy skills, at a cost of $260,000.

The second question also includes $150,000 for field upgrades at the

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GOODBYE CARS, HELLO STROLLERS: Nassau Street looked like a carnival midway last Saturday, with dry weather prevailing and pedestrians and strollers free to roam and roll. For more of the sights of Communiversity, see pages 34 and 35.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

No Harmony for Jazz Club

A proposal for an as-yet-approved jazz club on Bayard Lane was met with an outpouring of neighborhood opposition last week.

The contentious scene took place last Wednesday night as the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment met before a packed house to consider the second half of an application seeking site plan approval of a 10,750-square-foot restaurant on the former Mike's Tavern site at the corner of Bayard Lane and Birch Avenue.

The hearing, which was not completed due to time constraints, was extended to May 3 at 7:30 at Township Hall.

The applicant, Hageman Lane resident Stephen Distler, received a use variance for the site in April 2004, along with the recommendation of the Site Plan Review Advisory Board, but must overcome this final obstacle before the first note is played.

Residents objecting to the club, designed by Triumph Brewing Co. architect Terence Smith, worried that the 159-seat restaurant would generate a volume of traffic and noise not suitable for that neighborhood.

The Zoning Board session, residents complained, did not allow enough time for every comment to be heard. Board hearings typically offer a half hour for public comment.

An adequate public hearing will come when the testimonial has been delivered to the Board in its entirety, said Carlos Rodrigues yesterday. "You've got to have a substantive basis for public comment and obviously, people have things to say," he said, adding that allowing public comment earlier would put on the record "preconceived notions of what the application may or may not be."

The club, which would lie on the periphery of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood along Route 206, would enter a neighborhood that has long battled continued development. Last year, after a years-long disagreement with many residents, the Princeton Regional Planning Board finally approved a plan that would allow the Arts Council of Princeton to expand its facilities on-site

The proposed club lies in a commercial zoning district, the S-2, which allows for uses "conducive to heavy trucking and to bus transportation" and for "uses characterized by a moderate

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Hospital Will Disclose Future Site By Mid-May, PHCS President Says

After months of speculation, the University Medical Center at Princeton should have a future site named by mid-May, according to Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) President and CEO Barry Rabner.

That announcement, made Thursday at a discussion session held by the Princeton Regional Planning Board aimed at exploring future uses for the 12-acre Witherspoon Street hospital campus site, comes after a multi-year process of addressing the hospital's future needs.

Mr. Rabner said that the site chosen will be selected from among five sites being considered for the construction of a 300-bed facility within two and six miles of its current site.

"What's important to the community is that we recognize our mission to serve people regardless of their ability to access care or pay for it," Mr. Rabner said at the Planning Board hearing, in response to resident questions.

One site that has been mentioned by those unaffiliated with the hospital

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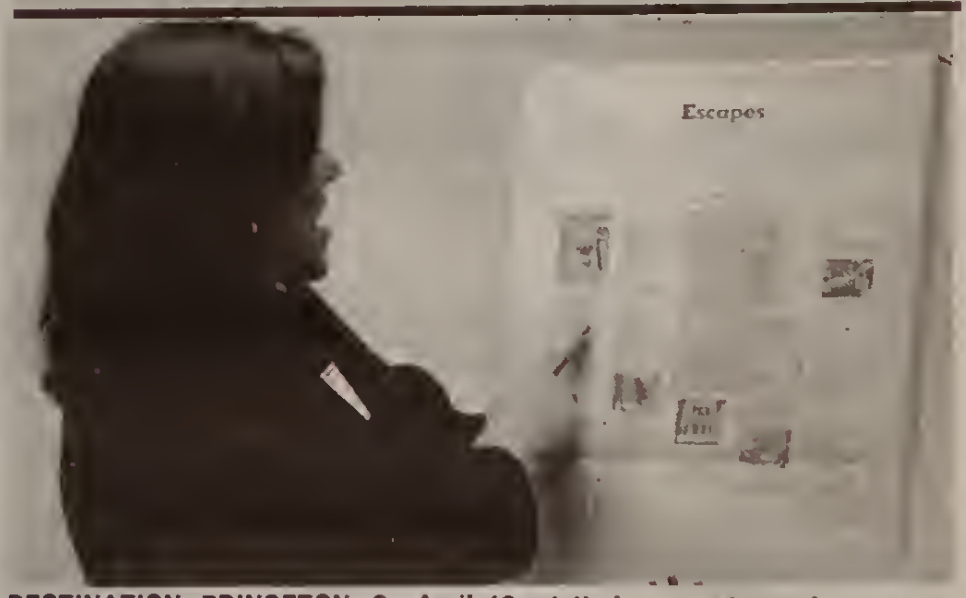

DESTINATION: PRINCETON: On April 19, at their general meeting, the Borough Merchants for Princeton (BMP) hosted a presentation by the newly-formed Princeton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau (PRCVB). The presentation was led by Lori Rabon, above, general manager of the Nassau Inn and Chairman of the PRCVB Steering Committee, and Kristen Appelget, president and CEO of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Rabon is a also a BMP board member. The presentation marked the launching of PRCVB's Web site (http://www.visitprinceton.org) and served as an overview of marketing strategies designed to promote the Princeton area to tourists, corporate visitors, and families. *(Photo courtesy of Alicia Kosikowski)*

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Princeton Public Library will host a Comedy Improv Night for students in grades six and above on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Jean Prall Rosolino of Youth Stages will lead the teenagers in an evening of improvisational skits.

Modeled after television's, "Who's Line is it Anyway?" the program is designed for maximum participation, says Susan Conlon, the library teen services librarian.

"The unscripted skits are really spontaneous and fun and bring out the comic side In everyone," said Ms. Conlon.

This event is open to middle school and high school students, but there is a maximum of 25 participants and registration is required. To register, call (609) 924-9529, ext. 240.

Youth Stages is an arts-in-education organization that offers a variety of unique learning programs. They teach through visual arts, music, movement, storytelling, and drama to nurture each child's individuality.

Ms. Rosolino is both the company's founder and an artist-educator. A Princeton resident and Creative Theater veteran, she has extensive experience as a teacher, director and performer.

For more information on library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529.

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The first three presidents of the **Princeton/Pettoranello Sister City Foundation**, Antonio Pirone, Nicholas Carnevale, and Domenick Tamasi, along with Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and former Township mayors Cathleen Litvack and Richard Woodbridge, will be honored with *l'Ordine Al Merito dello Repubblica Italiana* (the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic) at a ceremony this Friday, April 29, at 4 p.m. at Township Hall. The Order of Merit will be presented by the Philadelphia-based Italian Consul General Dottore Stefano Mistretta, on behalf of Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. The honor is awarded to those who have made advances in "the performance of activities for social and philanthropic aims" and is typically given to Italian citizens.

Princeton Borough Council and **Princeton Township Committee** were scheduled to hold a joint budget meeting Tuesday night to look at monies appropriated to the 16 joint-municipal agencies and/or facilities including the Fire Department, the Princeton Public Library, the Princeton Regional Health Department, Human Services, the Princeton Regional Planning Board, and the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad. The total budget for joint agencies is $7.42 million. See the May 4 issue of Town Topics for a full report.

The **Princeton Regional Board of Education** was scheduled to hold its annual reorganization meeting Tuesday night with newly-elected School Board members Michael Mostoller, Walter Bliss, and Jeffrey Spear scheduled to be sworn in to second three-year School Board terms. Additionally, nominations were scheduled for the positions of School Board president and vice president. The Board was also scheduled to reveal the results of the 2005-2006 school elections.

Princeton Borough Council was scheduled to hold a public hearing on an ordinance that would ban smoking in the nearly-completed square next to the library. The ordinance was introduced in Council's April 5 session by a 4-1 vote. Councilman David Goldfarb cast the sole dissenting vote, citing the difficulty in enforcing such a ban. The ordinance, however, was endorsed at that preliminary hearing by Borough Police Chief Anthony Federico. See the May 4 issue of Town Topics for a full report.

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OVERCOMING A BOUT OF WRITER'S BLOCK: This Paul Sigmund-inspired John James Rivera garden folly from the 2004 Writers Block garden was finally assembled last week in Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park at the corner of Chestnut Street and Hamilton Avenue. The folly was purchased for about $4,000 in an October auction as part of a campaign spearheaded by Scott Lane resident Polly Burlingham. Writers Block organizers hope the garden's lasting impact will help them as they raise funds for a new project, "Quark Park." (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

Holt, Tilghman On Board for Garden, But Fund-Raising May Stymie Project

The planning for Quark Park, the 2005 version of Writers Block, a project that paired local architects with local writers to create an outdoor installation of garden structures, or "follies" along Paul Robeson Place, is in motion.

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The 2004 project teamed authors Paul Krugman, Joyce Carol Oates, and Peter Singer with architects Ron Berlin, Gil Rampy, and Peter Wasem, respectively. The 2005 Quark Park sets a similar objective, but this time pairing scientists with architects, resulting in something a little more, well, left-brained.

Rep. Rush Holt (D-12), a former assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, and Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman, a professor of molecular biology, have already agreed to team with architects such as Alan Kehrt and Bill Gittings for the design of their garden follies. There are even plans to have this year's park wireless accessible, so people can construct algorithms online while contemplating the architectural possibilities the follies represent.

There's just one small problem.

"We're some $95,000 short," said Kevin Wilkes, architect of the Princeton Design Guild, and member of the management team of both last year's Writers Block and this year's Quark Park. Organizers had hoped to raise about $60,000 out of the $100,000 pricetag of the project before they could set a definitive timeline.

In March, when organizers announced that Writers Block would return in its new form, they targeted Princeton University's Reunions Weekend as the time for opening. This goal looks less and less likely to be met.

"Now, we can't really predict an opening date," said Mr. Wilkes. "We've received donations from people who supported us last year, but we haven't broken any new ground with any new people." he added that the "large corporate gift angle" was currently being courted.

"Quite honestly, we're looking for a couple of heavy hitters to step up and get us started," he said.

Last year, Mr. Wilkes, along with Peter Soderman, Hope VanCleaf, and Alan Goodheart, took a combined $120,000 loss on the project. The money was personally fronted with the hope that an end-of-the-season auction of the lollies would help ease the financial blow. it did not.

"Peter and I are not excellent fund-raisers, we're not even good fund-raisers, and we've been talking to people to help us and it's not going as quickly as we'd like it to go," he said.

The possibility of applying for grants could be an option in the future, Mr. Wilkes, said, but it is too late for this year's season. What could make the project more

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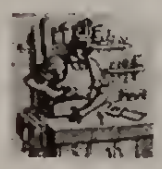

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PHCS President & CEO Barry S. Rabner will kick off the discussions, listen to your ideas and concerns, and answer your questions.

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attractive to foundations that appropriate grants is the garden's merit. In November 2004, Writers Block was honored by the New Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architects with the "Honor Award for Built Project."

Other scientists who are on board for the project thus far are, from Princeton University: Lincoln Hillister, professor of geosciences; Naomi Leonard, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering; Samuel Philander, Director of the Atmospheric and Oceanic Studies Program; George Scherer, professor of civil and environmental engineering; Paul Steinhardt, professor of physics; Perry Cook, associate professor of computer science; David Dobkin, Dean of the Faculty; Robert Goldston, the director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory; and from Rutgers University, Tracey Shors, professor of psychology.

With all that brainpower, there should certainly be some way to devise a fundraising scheme, so Mr. Wilkes is not worried. Not yet, at least.

"We're talking to people who have a specific interest in the Princeton community," he said. "The reason to support this would be because it is a special gift to the community-at-large."

—Matthew Hersh

Discussion to Examine Palestinian/Israeli Ties

Ali Abunimah, a writer and commentator on Middle East and Arab-American affairs, will deliver a talk this Sunday, May 1, exploring the relationship between the Palestinian and Israeli people and governments.

"Palestine/Israel: The Threshold of Peace or the End of the Two-State Solution?" will take place at 4 p.m. in Room 101 at the Friend Center on the Princeton University Campus at the intersection of William Street and Olden Avenue. The program is free of charge.

Mr. Abunimah's articles have appeared in The Daily Star (Lebanon), The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Financial Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Jordan Times, and in other publications. He has been on radio and television programs on CNN, FOX, MSNBC, Pacifica Radio, Radio Canada, and the BBC.

Co-founder of the "Electronic Intifada," an Internet Web site about the Palestinian-israeli conflict, Mr. Abuniman is a frequent lecturer on the university circuit throughout the U.S. He is also a researcher at a child development and public policy center in Chicago.

The talk is sponsored by the Princeton Middle East Society, the International Center of Princeton University, the Program in Near Eastern Studies, and the Princeton Committee on Palestine. For more information on the program, call (609) 921-8085.

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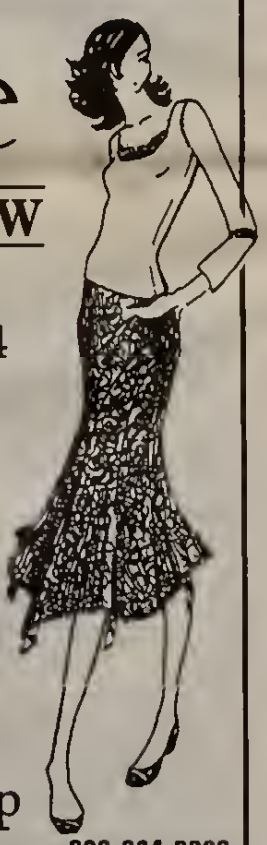

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District Officials Announce Construction Completion Dates

All new construction at Princeton High School is now scheduled to be completed by the beginning of January 2006, according to members of the Princeton Regional Board of Education who met recently with the Board's construction and contracting management firm.

The high school's new gymnasium is scheduled for completion by November 28, followed by the science classrooms on December 20, and the new art wing and auditorium on January 3, 2006.

Completion dates for renovations on existing wings are still tentative, and will be announced at the Board's facilities meeting in May, said Gary Weisman, director of plant/operations for the district.

The original completion date for all construction and renovations at PHS was September 2005, and the district is now hoping to have all the work completed by December 2006. Currently 38 percent of the work at the high school is complete, said Board President Anne Burns on Monday.

Contractors of the construction management firm, Ernest Bock & Sons of Philadelphia, have been slow to complete the project for various reasons, including some delays in state approvals. The district recently hired a management consultant, Trauner Consulting Services of Philadelphia, to assist in devising a new work schedule to get the contractors back on track.

The recent meeting with the construction firm was a definite step in the right direction, said Superintendent Judith Wilson.

"We've seen a great amount of progress over the last month," she said. "I think we have real targets and have a new level of commitment among all parties."

Meanwhile, 95 percent of the work at John Witherspoon Middle School has been completed. The remainder includes some minor work on the insides of the building, as well as renovations on some of the wings. The school is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

The elementary schools are still only 98 percent complete, even though most of the work was completed by the start of school last September. District officials have said that there is still a small list of items that must be completed at the schools.

The $82.3 million construction and renovation project in the district is approximately $150,000 over budget, or 1 percent above what the district had anticipated to spend, said Michael Mostoller, chairman of the facilities committee.

— Candace Braun

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PHS Ensemble Presents Program of Spanish Dances

Pasión Latina, a Princeton High School ensemble, will perform dances from around the Spanish-speaking Caribbean on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m., at the Princeton Public Library.

The program is part of the library's First Sunday @ your library series, which presents a monthly cultural program for the Spanish-speaking community on the first Sunday afternoon each month.

Pasión Latina is composed of Princeton students in grades nine through 12. Paula Pacheco, a senior who serves as leader of the group, said Pasión Latin's dance routines will sample from a variety of styles, including marenga, bachata, salsa, and many more.

Some dances will feature accompaniment on the marimba, a percussion instrument popular in Guatemala. The cultural traditions of Cuba, Santo Domingo, Puerto Rico and others will be explored.

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Liquor License Fees Could Increase; Committee Sweeps Up Brush Law

On the heels of a similar move by the Princeton Borough Council, Township Committee introduced an ordinance that would increase the liquor licence fees for establishments that serve alcohol in the Township.

"Each year, you're allowed to increase the alcoholic beverage licenses in the Township," said Edwin Schmierer, Township attorney. The Township has raised the fees in anticipation of a rise in fees in 2006 as well. The annual fee for business owners holding a planner retail consumption license will rise $400 to $2,400 — the maximum rate for 2005, followed by another $100 increase in 2006.

The code, if approved after its May 9 public hearing, would also raise club license fees to $188, up from $150, with those rates remaining the same for 2006.

The code, Mr. Schmierer said, keeps pace with what is permitted under state statute Title 33, which allows municipalities to adjust plenary and club license fees.

The April 18 ordinance introduction was met with no opposition, a contrast to the local merchant reaction when Borough Council introduced its ordinance calling for the same increase in fees. The Borough considered its change as a means of increasing revenue, but with only 12 consumption and six retail liquor licenses in the Borough, it is unlikely residents paying property tax will feel the impact of the increased revenue. The last time the fees were increased in the Borough was in the early 1980s.

The increase in Princeton Township, which has only three restaurants and one liquor store, is in keeping with goals set at the start of the budgetary cycle, according to Township Administrator James Pascale. "We wanted to look at all the fees and permits which were charged by our various municipal departments," he said, adding that there was a general sentiment to bring the those fees up "to market" with neighboring communities and "to look under every stone for non-tax revenue."

In other business, Committee did a bit of brush clean up of its own as it refined its ordinance on the leaf, branch, and log collection program launched earlier this month. According to Mr. Schmierer, Public Works crews were arriving for debris pick-up too early. The result found residents putting out their materials after crews had passed, leaving the piles of debris untouched.

"Some residents were putting out their materials at 8 a.m., so they were missed," Mr. Schmierer said. "So when we went through the first time, it was believed that those residents were really not following the ordinance, but they actually had followed it."

The ordinance was amended to state that residents should put their materials out by 7 a.m.

Finally, Committee held a public hearing for a bond ordinance that allows for the installation of a 1,500-foot pathway along part of Littlebrook Road, running from the rear entrance of the Littlebrook School to the existing sidewalks on Tyson Lane, at a cost of $23,000. Committee unanimously approved the ordinance.

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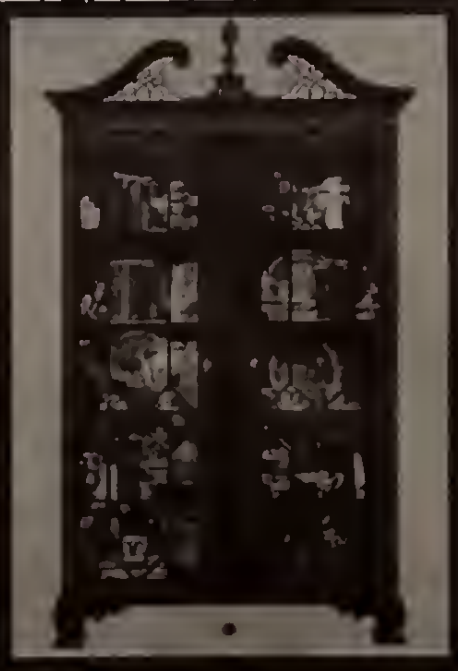
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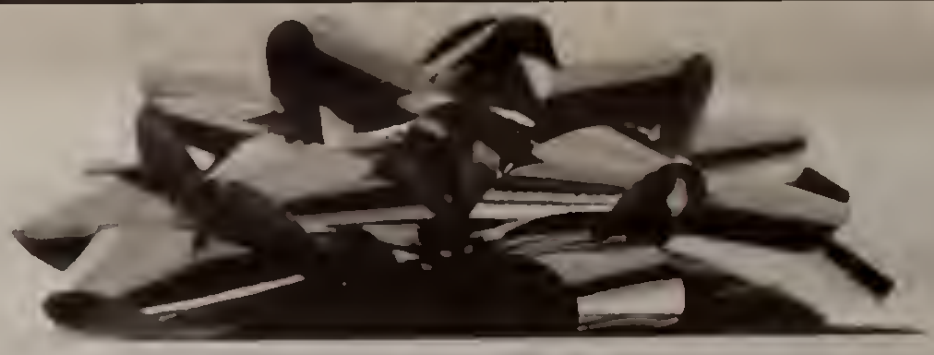
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Continuing a fun-filled evening at the close of the formal prom is the informal post-prom event at Princeton High School on Friday, May 20. Running the event for the past 27 years, the Princeton Post Prom Party Committee transforms the gym at PHS into a venue for the entertainment ol the kids, with free activities, food, and drinks.

Among the many events will be the "Casino," with professional card dealers, as well as ping pong tables, and a disc jockey. Door prizes will be donated by community businesses such as Forrest Jewelers, Jordan Gift Shop, The Annex, and Alchemist & Barrister.

"It is important for the community as a whole and the school community in particular to support parents' efforts to provide a safe and fun place for the kids to go after the prom. We encourage parents not to have private parties and to encourage their students to attend the post prom," said Carrie Strasburger, chair of the post prom affair. "We are looking forward to another highly successful post prom with hundreds of students in attendance."

Parents are also pleased that their children have an alcohol- and drug-free party to attend after the prom, said Diane Golomb, co-chair of the committee. "No one is really ready to go home after the prom ends, so the after-party is a positive alternative."

Junior, seniors, and their dates are encouraged to attend the Post Prom Party, even if they do not attend the prom.

"We have lots of kids who don't really want to go the formal prom, but still want to celebrate Prom Night," said Ms. Golomb.

The party will be in full swing from 12:30 to 3 a.m., and is free to all students and their dates. Students in formal wear can bring comfortable clothes to change into and check-in their evening clothes for safekeeping; they will be given a claim ticket to reclaim their clothes at the end of the eventng.

The Post Prom Party Committee is continuing to accept donations for this important event. Contact Carrie Strasburger at (609) 924-3110, or Diane Golomb at (609) 683-1875, to donate to the Post Prom Party or for further information.

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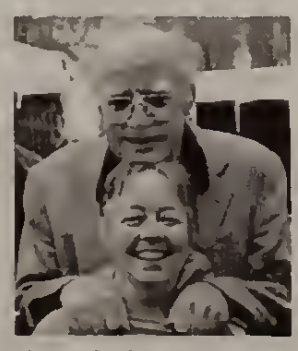
"The music, and for the little ones, the fire truck and eating pizza." *— Jamie Schnitzer, Flemming Way (with Adam 2 ½)*

"Just strolling through the university — it is just such a pleasant experience and the students are so very nice. To experience the diversity — and walking around town." *— Jackie Albarez, Jackson (with husband, Richard and son, Mark, 2)*



"I like the wonderful esprit of the street — walking up and down Nassau Street. And I like finding out about all the non-profits with card tables on the street." *— Anne O'Neill with husband, Joseph, Princeton Borough Mayor*

"The fish pond and the YMCA basketball toss." *— Stewart Essig, Coniston Court (with wife, Erin, friend and children: Samantha and Alex, Jacob and Sara)*

Reflecting On His Childhood: Princeton Author Writes Memoir

Princeton resident and author Edmund Keeley's new book, *Borderlines: A Memoir*, which will be published in May, discusses the author's early life, leading up to his career in Princeton, his marriage, and the publication of his first novel, *The Libation*.

Much of the book takes place during Mr. Keeley's childhood, and talks about how living abroad while he was growing up gave him and his brothers a tolerance for other nationalities and religions.

"It allowed us to have a vision that normal kids don't get....you get globalized very quickly," he said.

Different cultures shape your life in different ways, said the author, which is what inspired his book's title, *Borderlines*.

"The objective is to make what is unique actually representative....Too much nationalism is a bad thing," he said, adding that tolerance is something that everyone can and should learn to have in their life.

Born in Damascus, Syria, Mr. Keeley spent most of his youth growing up in Salonika, Greece, where his father worked in the American Consulate. He came to the U.S. in 1944, at 16 years of age, attending school at Western High School in Washington D.C. Only then did he realize that both he and his brothers had spoken to their parents in the third person since he was nine years old.

It wasn't until Mr. Keeley arrived in America that he learned how much American culture he had missed out on and wanted to embrace. The author said he was almost 17 years old before he picked up an American football.

"When I came back to this country I felt like an outsider, so I tried to be more American than everyone else," he said.

Mr. Keeley recalls getting very little help in selecting a college: "So few went on in those days."

Most of his friends went to local colleges, except for one who went to Princeton University, where he ended up going himself.

"Princeton University had the largest reputation back then," he said. "I grew up thinking the school was the only university in the world."

When his father was transferred back to Europe, Mr. Keeley had to accelerate his courses, but didn't have time to participate in college boards. This made it difficult when he returned and wanted to attend college. In one chapter in his book he describes how he managed to "convince" the dean at Princeton to allow him to enroll by telling him that his older brother had attended the school, and that his father had been a cadet there.

"The dean said, 'Well, that at least makes you a bastard son of Princeton,' " said the author.

Mr. Keeley earned a B.A. degree in English and American literature at Princeton. His education was interrupted by his service as a second seaman in the Navy. After he completed his degree, he went on to Oxford University for more schooling, where he met his Greek wife, Mary, with whom he shares homes in both Princeton and Athens, Greece.

After all his travels, he ended up returning to Princeton, where he was on the English Department faculty for 40 years, until his retirement.

"I feel like I've had a very satisfactory life, and Princeton is much at fault for that," said Mr. Keeley, adding that his career at Princeton helped him to be the writer he always wanted to be.

"The professors taught me....what Western civilization really meant; they humanized me."

Mr. Keeley is the author and translator of more than 35 works. Some of his non-fiction books include *Modern Greek Writers*, *Cavafy's Alexandria*, and *The Salonika Bay Murder: Cold War Politics and the Polk Affair*. Among his works of fiction are *The Gold-Hatted Lover*, *Voyage to a Dark Island*, and *A Wilderness Called Peace*. Mr. Keeley has also translated several volumes of Greek poetry.

The author has received numerous awards, including the Harold Morton Landon Translation Award from the Academy of American Poets; a NEA-PEN Fiction Syndicate Award; the Academy Award in Literature; and the New Jersey Authors Award.

He has also had grants from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Keeley will be at a reading and book signing for his book, *Borderlines: A Memoir*, on Tuesday, May 3, at p.m., at Barnes & Noble Princeton. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (609) 716-1570.

— Candace Braun

REMEMBERING HIS YOUTH: Pictured is Edmund Keeley as a second class seaman during World War II. A longtime resident of Princeton, Mr. Keeley recently published a memoir of his life growing up in Greece, and then coming to live in Princeton, titled, "Borderlines: A Memoir."

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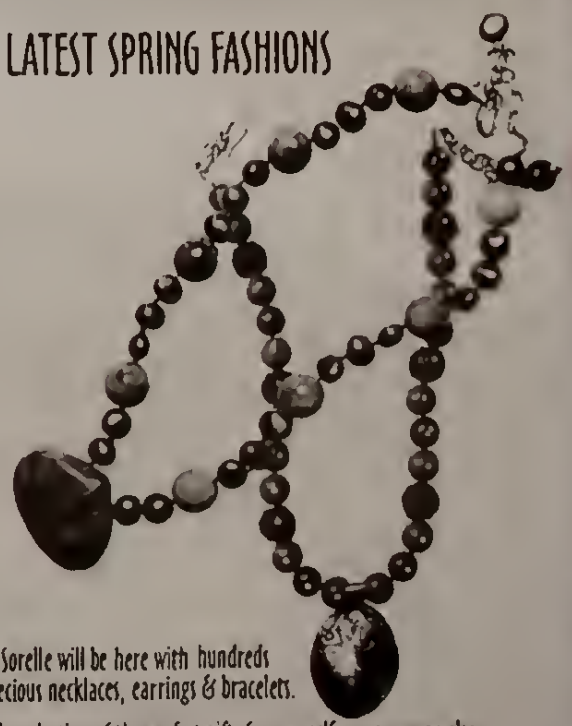

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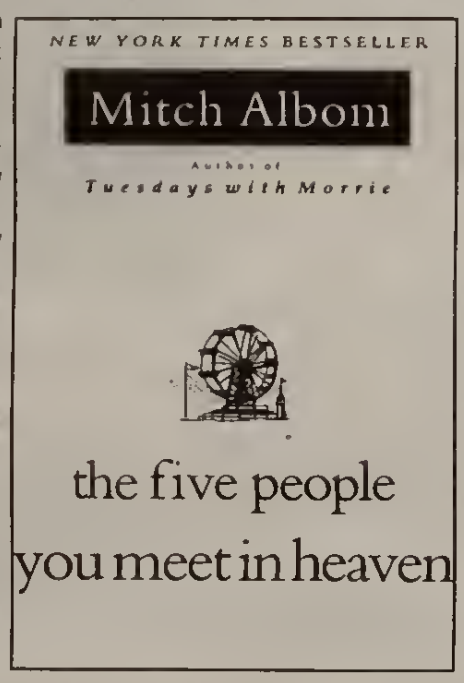
BOOK REVIEW

Knocking on Heaven's Door: The Wages of Popularity

One afternoon in the late 1970s, a small man who was pushing 80 at the time sat down with some Princeton students in a room at 185 Nassau Street to talk about making movies. Considering the fact that he was Frank Capra, the Academy-Award-winning legend who had directed the great stars of Hollywood's golden age, he was remarkably defensive about his work. One of the students had asked a question he particularly resented because it made a distinction between so-called art films and popular, commercial movies like his own *It's a Wonderful Life* and *It Happened One Night*, among other Hollywood classics. The gist of his defense of popularity was that sooner or later the quality of the work in any medium could be measured by the quantity of public appreciation. Critics. scholars, and reviewers be damned, in other words. The people will have the last say. "All great art is popular!" he insisted, citing Michelangelo, Shakespeare, and DaVinci. "Look at all the people who come to the Louvre to see the *Mona Lisa*!" The students were a bit rattled. Why was the old guy so touchy? One reason was that he thought the commercially successful, populist, upbeat nature of his films had devalued his work in the eyes of film critics and scholars. As if art couldn't be art if it was popular. The same problem has plagued best-selling authors who claim that their popularity has compromised their artistic credibility.

Frank Capra's words came to mind again when I was reading Mitch Albom's novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Hyperion $19.95). What made me think of reviewing Albom's book was the extent of its popularity. *Five People* has been on the Times Book Review's list of fiction best-sellers for 81 weeks. Albom's previous book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, stayed on the non-fiction list even longer. Regulars like Mary Higgins Clark (No. 1 this week), James Patterson (No. 7) and John Grisham (No. 8) are merely seasonal visitors by comparison. The perennial best-seller is generally a "good read" and good reads come and go. Both Albom's books offer something more than a good read, much as Frank Capra's best movies offer something more inspired than the standard Hollywood product. Without taking an admittedly unfair comparison too far, not to mention stating the obvious, there is more cinematic art in Capra's movies than there is literary art in Albom's fiction. When praising Capra's "complete mastery of his medium," Graham Greene observed that Capra's "screen always seems twice as big as other people's" and that he "cuts as brilliantly as Eisenstein." He also stressed a quality Capra shares with Albom: "a kinship with his audience, a sense of common life, a morality: He believes in the possibility of happiness; he believes ... in human nature." The readers who buy and love *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* believe, or want to believe, in heaven, or as the novel's opening paragraph puts it, that "all endings are beginnings."

Some people I've spoken with made faces at the mere mention of Mitch Albom's novel. They were responding to a problematic mixture: enormous popularity combined with what they obviously think of as dumbed down spirituality. When high-brow film authorities make faces at the mention of Frank Capra (though they usually admit that he's a gifted director), they are responding to a similar combination, only in Capra's case instead of lowbrow spirituality you get sentimental populism that sometimes verges on a sort of Norman Rockwell fascism. While there is little doubt Frank Capra will always be counted among major American directors, it's safe to say Mitch Albom is unlikely ever to be considered a major American writer. His books have outlasted the "good reads" not so much because they are inspired, but because they are inspirational. Books that manage to offer entertainingly soul-satisfying remedies are likely to have a longer life and a more devoted readership than conventional escapist best-sellers. *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* will never become an American Christmas Carol, as has happened with Capra's 1946 film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, thanks to Christmas season television reruns in the 1980s and 1990s. Reviewers and readers of *Five People* have remarked, however, on its similarity to the Dickens classic and Capra's movie. Like Scrooge in *A Christmas Corol*, and George Bailey, the hero of *It's o Wonderful Life*, Albom's protagonist, Eddie, is permitted a supernatural overview of his life. Neither George (memorably played by James Stewart, Princeton '32) nor Scrooge actually enter heaven for their lessons. Driven to the verge of suicide, George gets a tour of the moral nightmare that would have befallen his community had he never lived; the fact that his guide through the land of what-might-have-been is a cute, cuddly, whimsical angel is one of the sentimental embarrassments that has made certain movie purists reluctant to allow this masterpiece into the pantheon of great films. Eddie, on the other hand, really does lose his life. An 83-year-old maintenance man at an amusement park, he dies attempting to save a little girl after one of the rides malfunctions. Though he was not contemplating suicide, he was resigned to the fact that his life was dreary and pointless. The central lesson he learns in heaven resembles the one revealed to George Bailey: that there is a divine symmetry in the way human lives and earthly events interconnect.



Five People's hold on its many readers has nothing to do with Eddie's appeal as a character, or the brilliance of the writing. Although Albom is capable of nice touches, such as the moment when Eddie thinks "how strange it was to be growing old in a place that smelled of cotton candy," what people relate to, along with the consoling idea of a sort of heavenly seminar on life's lessons, are homilies like "Strangers are just the family you have yet to come to know" or "Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you're not really losing it, you're just passing it on to someone else." The book's online detractors dismiss it as "a fast McRead," full of "bumpersticker philosophy" and "fast-food spirituality." Admirers speak of the hope it gives them: "It made me feel so damn good at the end, I just couldn't believe what this little book was capable of doing." A common reaction of its fans is to confess that they were moved to tears by the ending. True enough, Albom seems to have touched readers without exploiting them emotionally, in spite of a tendency to pour it on, particularly at the end, where the tears flow freely and he seems to be urging us to cry along with Eddie ("a flood of tears soaked through his fingers," "he wailed," "he wept and wept," "a tear rolled down Eddie's face," he "sobbed a final, vacant sob"). This is not a book for discerning or demanding readers. Too often the author resorts to capitalization for emphasis ("FORGIVE ME, OH GOD!" "WHAT HAVE I DONE?"). Or he indulges in overkill: "his soul was ambushed with [he must mean "by"] old emotions, and his lips began to tremble, and he was swept into the current of all that he had lost." Or he runs into metaphorical traps: "As if to feed the weakest embers of a fire, Eddie let a wrinkle of pride crack the veneer of his disinterest."

The novel's limitations become all the more evident in contrast to *Tuesdays with Morrie*, in which Albom had the advantage of writing about a real person in a real-life situation. It's impossible not to admire a unique, articulate, intelligent human being facing death with grace and good humor. Eddie comes off as neither unique, articulate or intelligent. Had Albom been able to portray him as vividly and appealingly as he did Morrie, *Five People* would have been a worthy sequel; by using virtually the same cover design, the publisher obviously hoped readers of *Morrie* would expect exactly that. Albom had the good sense to let Morrie be Morrie. His affection for his old teacher comes through with a genuineness that's missing in the novel. It's worth mentioning that numerous online admirers of *Tuesdays with Morrie* had little patience with *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, finding it, in the words of one reader, "manipulative, predictable and lacking in sincerity."

But also wildly popular. Would this have been the case if *Morrie* hadn't already attracted a willing audience? It's also not unlikely that the public was primed for a book offering a fictional heaven with answers to soothe the wound inflicted by September 11. Albom's novel appeared in September 2003.

Hail, Jimmy Stewart

The Capra notion of art combined with popular appeal was brilliantly embodied by the movie star who was the true hero of *It's a Wonderful Life*. The day he came to Princeton, Frank Capra made special mention of James Stewart, the Princeton graduate whose energy and passion and genius for ranging from moments of great intimacy to moments of suicidal despair make his portrayal of George Bailey one of the great performances in the American cinema.

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C.K. Williams

Poet C.K. Williams Wins 2005 Lilly Prize

C.K. Williams, the author of nine collections of poetry and recipient of multiple awards, has won the 2005 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. Established in 1986, the prize is one of the most prestigious given to American poets, and at $100,000, it is one of the largest literary honors for work in the English language.

The prize will be presented at an evening ceremony at the Arts Club in Chicago on May 24.

"C.K. Williams is a master at dramatizing complicated psychological states, but he is also always equally concerned with the self's relation to the larger world. He has created a signature style, which more and more seems a permanent part of our literature," said Christian Wiman, editor of Poetry magazine and chair of the selection committee for the prize.

Mr. Williams' first published poem, "Sleeping Over," appeared in Poetry in 1964.

Born in New Jersey in 1936, Mr. Williams was educated at the University of Pennsylvania. He teaches in the Creative Writing Program at Princeton University, and lives part of the year in Paris.

He is recipient of the Morton Dauwen Zabel Award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters (1989), a Lila Acheson Wallace/Reader's Digest Fund Writer's Award (1992), the PEN/Voelker Career Achievement in Poetry Award (1998), the Berlin Prize of the American Academy in Berlin (1998), the Harriet Monroe Prize from the University of Chicago (1993), and the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature (1999). He has also received grants from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mr. Williams' most recent volume of poetry, The Singing (2003) was the winner of the 2004 National Book Award. His book *Repair* (1999) won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

"A Williams poem works like a joint venture between place, often a place as distinctly unromantic as an auto graveyard, and the state of mind observing the place. Invariably, the collaboration brings us to a more nuanced understanding of what it is to be human," said John Barr, President of the Poetry Foundation. "The Foundation is extremely pleased to represent Ruth Lilly, once again, in giving this major award to a poet as outstanding as Williams."

Bonnie Harris

Author to Give Parenting Workshop at Waldorf

Bonnie Harris, M.S. Ed., a prominent speaker and author of *When Your Kids Push Your Buttons*, will provide a practical and thought-provoking workshop for parents on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The two-part workshop will be held in the community room of the Waldorf School of Princeton, at 1062 Cherry Hill Road. In addition to the workshop, Ms. Harris will hold a book signing following Friday's lecture.

Ms. Harris has been designing and teaching parenting workshops and counseling parents for more than 20 years. She founded the Parent Guidance Center in Peterborough, N.H. in 1990, and she is the director of Core Parenting. Her book, published in 2003, led to her appearance on The Today Show, as well as other TV and radio programs. It made the New York Post's list of top parenting books, and is being published in six additional countries.

Ms. Harris gives lectures and teaches her "Buttons" workshop internationally.

"We often wonder why we lose it with our kids when we swore we never would," said Ms. Harris. "My goal is for parents to leave my workshop with a new perspective of their children and the inspiration to parent the way they always thought they would."

The author developed "The Effective Parenting Workshop" for parents of 1 to 5-year-olds, and wrote the curriculum guide for both parents and parent educators. She created and taught the curriculum "To Raise a Child and Build a Community," to train parent educators and professionals who work with children.

The mother of two grown children, Ms. Harris received her master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Bank Street College in New York.

It is necessary to pre-register for the workshop. Seats are limited and available on a first come, first-serve basis. The cost to attend the Friday night lecture is $15, and Saturday's workshop costs $40. Parents can attend both lectures for a combined cost of $50.

To register, send a check, payable to the Waldorf School of Princeton, to: Rosemary Parish, Waldorf School of Princeton, 1062 Cherry Hill Road, 08540. Those with questions may call Ms. Parish at (609) 466-1970, ext. 26.

Library Hosts Talk To Celebrate McCarter

Princeton Public Library will celebrate McCarter Theatre's 75th anniversary with an illustrated talk by McCarter's special programming director and long-time Princeton resident, William W. Lockwood, Jr., on Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public.

In honor of McCarter's 75th Anniversary Season, Mr. Lockwood has written a new book, *McCarter Theatre Center: Celebrating 75 Years*, documenting the many highlights of McCarter's rich history.

Mr. Lockwood's talk at the Princeton Public Library will include visual materials that he found in his attic as well as from the McCarter archives, which are housed at Princeton University's Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library.

Built as a permanent home for the Princeton University Triangle Club, McCarter Theatre opened its doors on February 20, 1930 with Triangle Club's The Golden Dog, featuring Princeton undergraduates Joshua Logan and James M. Stewart.

Over the next three decades, McCarter audiences would enjoy many notable appearances, including John Barrymore, Gertrude Lawrence, Tallulah Bankhead, Katharine Hepburn, Lucille Ball, Mae West and Princeton native Paul Robeson.

McCarter's early years were also witness to several significant world premieres including William Inge's *Bus Stop* and Thornton Wilder's masterpiece Our Town.

Today, McCarter Theatre draws an audience of over 200,000 each year to over 300 performances. Under artistic director Emily Mann, McCarter was awarded the 1994 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

For more information, call the Princeton Public Library at (609) 924-9539, or visit http://www.princetonlibrary.org.

U-Store to Celebrate Poetry Month With Talk

Alicia Suskin Ostriker, author of *No Heaven*, will appear at the Princeton U-Store on Thursday, April 28. The National Poetry Month talk and signing will begin at 7 p.m.

Taking her cue from John Lennon's provocative ballad, *Imagine*, Ms. Ostriker wrestles with the world as it is in her new collection, *No Heaven*.

The poems in No Heaven are presented in four parts. Ms. Ostriker begins with *Here and Now*, focusing on being in the moment; a surfer concentrating on his oneness with the wave, the poet standing still to hear the call of a bird. The second group of poems, *Archival*, features previously uncollected verse from 1975 to 1995. Here Ms. Ostriker reveals much about her relationships, and about herself.

In *Material Density*, the third section, Ms. Ostriker finds inspiration in the art of Giotto, Caravaggio, and Corot, and meditates on the music of Mozart, Schumann, and Janacek. Finally, in *Tearing the Poem Up*, she confronts such topics as crime, war, the Holocaust, and the death of her mother.

Ms. Ostriker's previous collections of poetry include *The Imaginary Lover*, winner of the William Carlos Williams Award, and *The Crack in Everything* and *The Little Space: Poems Selected and New*, both National Book Award finalists. She has also received the Paterson Poetry Prize and the San Francisco State Poetry Center Award.

Of her five volumes of criticism, the most recent is *Dancing at the Devil's Party: Essays on Poetry, Politics, and the Erotic*.

Ms. Ostriker is professor of English at Rutgers University and teaches in the Poetry MFA program of New England College.

The author will speak at the Princeton University Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. The talk will take place in the third-floor events area.

For more information, call (609) 921-8500, ext. 238 or visit the U-Store Web site, at http://www.pustore.com.

"Joy at Work" Author To Speak at U-Store

Dennis W. Bakke, author of *Joy at Work*, will appear at the Princeton U-Store for a talk and book signing on Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m.

The Wall Street Journal best-seller, *Joy at Work*, offers a model for the 21st-century company that treats its people with respect, gives them unprecedented responsibility, and holds them strictly accountable — because it's the right thing to do, not just because it makes good business sense, says the author. Mr. Bakke's book will force its readers to question everything they thought they knew about corporate success.

Mr. Bakke graduated from the University of Puget Sound, Harvard Business School, and the National War College. He co-founded The AES Corporation in 1981 and served as its president and CEO from 1994 to 2002. He is now president and CEO of Imagine Schools, a company that operates elementary and secondary (K-12) charter schools in 10 states.

This book is "a timely and inspiring book that challenges us to rethink the purpose of business in society. It is all the more important because Dennis Bakke's personal life mirrors the principles he advocates," said former President Bill Clinton.

This is "a must-read book for anyone who wants to make work fun, fulfilling, and financially rewarding," said Jack Kemp, former HUD secretary and vice presidential candidate.

Mr. Bakke will be at the Princeton University Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. The talk will take place in the third-floor events area. There is free parking directly across the street.

If you would like to experience joy at your place of work, the U-Store will anonymously email your boss or co-workers an invitation to the event and a reminder notice to you as well. Email dvillano@pustore.com with the subject line "Joy at Work," along with the name and email address of the invitee. Your name and email address will not be disclosed.

For more information, call (609) 921-8500, ext. 238, or visit the U-Store Web site, at http://www.pustore.com.

University to Hold Student Reading

A student reading, to be introduced by Edmund White, will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m., at the Stewart Film Theater, located at 185 Nassau Street.

The reading is sponsored by Princeton University's Program in Creative Writing, and is part of the Althea Ward Clark '21 Reading Series.

For more information, visit http://www.princeton.edu/~visarts/ceve.html.

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A World Without Racism Subject of YWCA Event

The YWCA Princeton and the YWCA of Trenton will observe the National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism on Friday, April 29, in Liberation Hall at the Carl Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding at 86 Olden Street on the Princeton campus. The event is being held in collaboration with Princeton University and Princeton Human Services.

Activities begin with a 9 a.m. breakfast followed by a poetry reading by Cecilia B. Hodges; a presentation of awards to Trenton High School essay contest winners (the topic, "What Was Martin Luther King's Legacy and How Are You Living It?"); musical selections from various Trenton children's singing groups; a community panel discussion on the theme, "Civil Rights–Civil Transformation: What Can We Do?"; and an official signing of the Birmingham Pledge by those who feel strongly about the negative impact of racism.

The public is welcome to attend and ask questions of the panel. There is no fee, but those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to (609) 497-2100, ext. 335.

According to Eileen Conway, executive director of the YWCA Princeton, and Sharon Bonitz, chief operation officer of the YWCA of Trenton, the National Day of Commitment is an opportunity to raise awareness. "The mission of the YWCA is to eliminate racism and empower women," said Ms. Conway. "Observing this Day of Commitment gives each of us the opportunity to reconnect and recommit to eliminating racism both personally and within our communities."

Begun in 1992 as a response to the Rodney King beating and trial, the YWCA's commitment to "a world without racism" was given official recognition in 1998 when President Clinton and the U.S. Senate proclaimed April 30 as the YWCA National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism and Erase the Hate.

For more information, contact Pamela Elmi at (609) 497-2100, ext. 307, or by email at pelmi@ywcaprinceton.org.

Eight Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported eight births to area residents during the week ending April 18.

Sons were born to Michelle and Dr. Jeffrey Lubin, Princeton, March 29; Nabila and Nadeem Feroze, Lawrenceville, April 6; Laura and Brandon Kyler, Princeton, April 12; Jennifer and Tyler Bronson, Princeton, April 12; Jennifer Goodloe Hackett and Conrad Peter Hackett, Princeton, April 13; Jill and Andrew Schwartz, Princeton, April 15; and Diptiben and Nitidhan Antala, Princeton, April 15.

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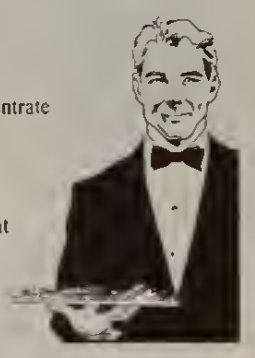

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2	cup portabella mushrooms — sliced thin
1–1½	cup dried cranberries

Directions:

Preheat open to 300°F. Whish wine, broth, cranberry juice, balsamic vinegar, and flour to blend in bowl, pour into roasting pan. Mix in onion, garlic, and rosemary. Sprinkle salt and pepper over brisket and then place in roasting pan, fat side up. Turn a few times to coat w/wine mixture. Bake brisket about 3–3½ hours or until tender, basting with juices. Transfer to platter and cool. Thinly slice and then add to roasting pan w/sauce. Preheat oven to 350°F. add mushrooms and berries in sauce, cover and bake 30 minutes. Serve with egg noodles.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 27

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

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8 p.m.: Ani DiFranco; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Cudamani, Balinese Music and Dance; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *The Last Five Yeors*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

7:30 p.m.: Talk by William W. Lockwood Jr., author of *McCarter Theatre Centre: Celebroting 75 Years*; Princeton Public Library. (Copies of the book will be given out.)

8 p.m.: *Anything Goes*; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, April 29

1:15 p.m.: Township Shade Tree Commission; Johnson Park Elementary School.

4:30 p.m.: Talk, by Choreographer Paul Taylor; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Peddie School Spring Concert; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

7:30 p.m.: Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus; Community Room, Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: *84 Charing Cross Road*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Sweet Charity*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Ravi Shankar; McCarter Theatre. Sold out.

8 p.m.: Joe Jackson and Todd Rundgren; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8:30 to 10:30 p.m.: Emergency Funk Squad; small world coffee. Free.

10:30 p.m.: Seth Kallen; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, April 30

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.: New Jersey Folk Festival; Eagleton Institute, Douglass Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

2 and 4 p.m.: *The Musical Tole of Peter Rabbit*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

3 and 8 p.m.: Princeton Garden Statesmen Barbershop Chorus; Yvonne Theatre, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: Violinist Itzhak Perlman; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Recital with soprano Dawn Upshaw, pianist Richard Goode; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Kenny Garrett Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

10:30 p.m.: Alfred James Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Sunday, May 1

3 p.m.: Annual Yom Hashoah Interfaith Commemorative Service (Holocaust Remembrance); Gill Memorial Chapel, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville. Free.

3 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

4 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*; Richardson Auditorium.

4 p.m.: Princeton Steinway Society Scholarship Awards Musicale; Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike (Route 1), Lawrenceville.

6 p.m.: Lecture by William Connell on history of Italians in New Jersey; Dorothea's House, 120 John Street. Free.

Monday, May 2
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Tuesday, May 3

7 p.m.: Technology Talk with Roger W. Amidon of DX Computer Co., "Game Trends and Latest Hardware"; Princeton Public Library Community Room.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Paul Taylor Dance Company; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *The Lost Five Years*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

1:30 to 3 p.m.: Container Gardening Demonstration; Suzanne Patterson Center.

4 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Friends of Music at Princeton chamber music concert; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

7 p.m.: Adult Film Series, *Beyond the Mocho Myth*; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Free.

Thursday, May 5

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Donny Osmond; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Modern dance program, *Evolves*; Hagan Dance Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Sinfonia; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 27 – Wednesday, May 4

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Wednesday, April 27:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. The Politics of Oil; Boro Hall Lower Level.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions 2005; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Greeting Card Workshop; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, April 28:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Shakespeare Off the Page; PCV.
10:00 a.m. Composers at Work in Their Later Years; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Science Tuesday on Thursday; SPB
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, April 29:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Art Crawl; private home.
10:30 a.m. Art; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club; SPB.

Monday, May 2:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Club Board Meeting; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, May 3:
10:00 a.m. The Scarlet Letter & Madam Bovary; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:00 p.m. Ulysses II; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, May 4:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. The Politics of Oil; Boro Hall Lower Level.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions 2005; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Container Gardening Demonstration; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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Police Blotter

A flag valued at $100 was reported stolen from the Princeton Fire Department on North Harrison Street on April 18. Police have no suspects.

Emily B. Hunt, 20, of Haddonfield, was arrested on April 21 on charges of having shoplifted at the Princeton University Store. According to police, store security personnel had seen her consuming merchandise at the store without paying for it before leaving. She was issued a complaint summons to appear in Borough Municipal Court on May 3.

On April 22, Borough Patrolman Sean McNeff investigated the theft of a sign, valued at $305, reported to have been stolen from the Alchemist & Barrister Restaurant on Witherspoon Street at approximately 1:30 a.m. There are no suspects.

A 44-year-old Hodge Road resident reported a burglary and theft at her home on April 24. According to the victim, an unknown thief had stolen a purse from a car parked in her driveway, and a bicycle from her front porch.

A motor vehicle stop on Washington Road on April 23 led to the arrest of Crystal R. Ruffis, 30, of Trenton, after police learned that she was wanted on an active motor vehicle warrant out of Lawrence Township. She was released after posting bail.

Two other individuals wanted on warrants were arrested by Borough Police — Dolores D. Gonzalez, 19, of Trenton, on April 20, and Juan Cesar Delcid-Delcid, 30, of Birch Avenue, on April 24. Ms. Gonzalez was arrested on a warrant from Parsippany Municipal Court, then released after posting bail of $215. Mr. Delcid-Delcid, wanted on a warrant from Princeton Borough, was also released after posting bail, in his case $460.

A case of criminal mischief was reported on April 19 by an unidentified 64-year-old Erdman Avenue resident. Vandal(s) unknown had scratched her parked car on the hood, bumper, and quarter panel.

A South Orange man, Steven C. Rutz, 30, was arrested on April 23 after he allegedly refused to leave the Nassau Inn on Palmer Square, then tried to kick a security guard in the presence of several Borough police officers. He was taken to Borough Police Headquarters, then released with a complaint summons for disorderly conduct.

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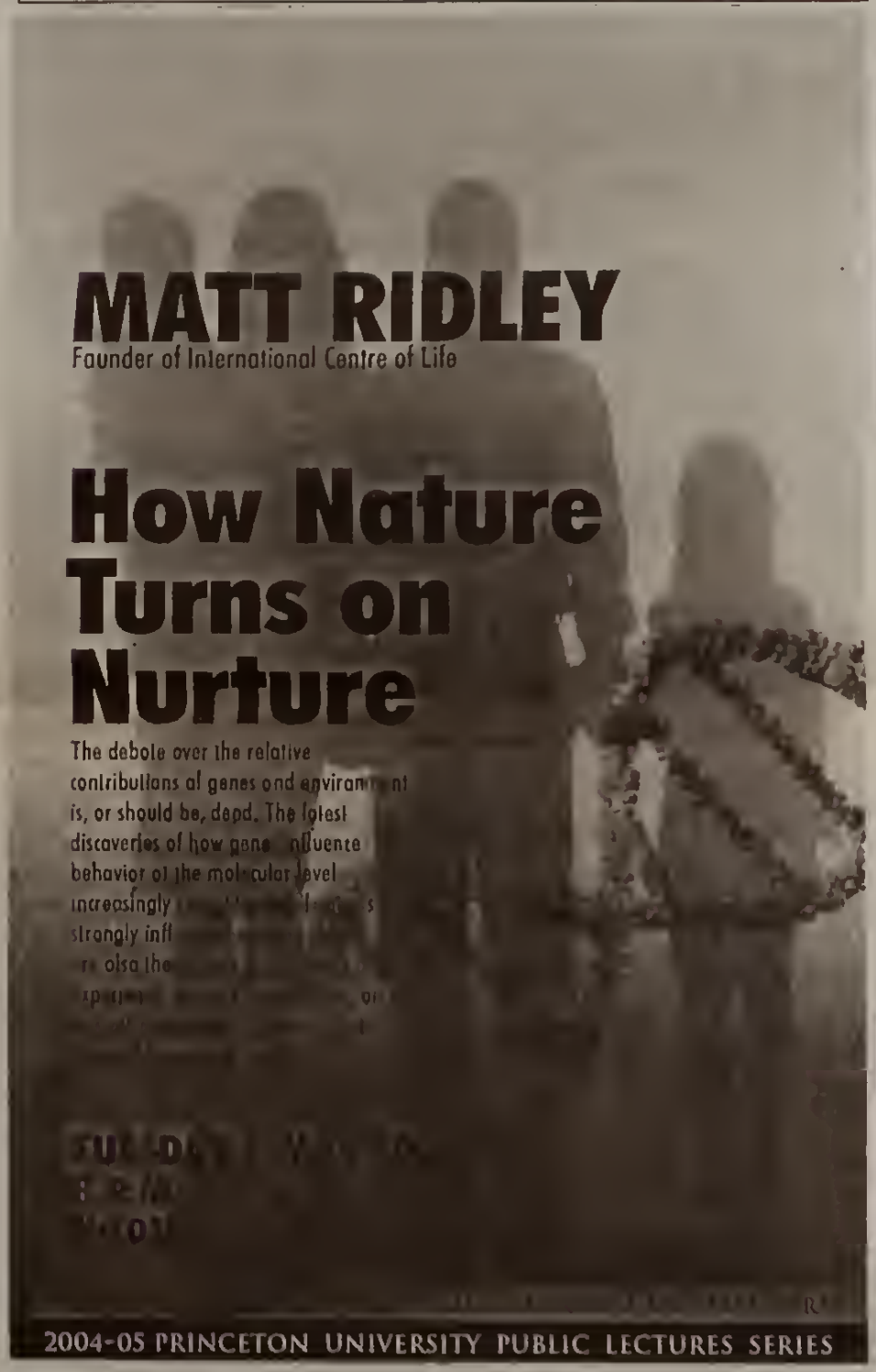

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25 YEARS EXCELLENCE IN EYECARE

THE CHIEF: Chief McAvenia was in charge during last Thursday's fire at the Princeton Auto Body Shop on State Road. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

MOWING DOWN THE FLAMES: The full force of water power was unloaded on the Princeton Auto Body Shop on State Road by Squirt 63 and Tower 62 after fire broke out last Thursday morning. Among neighboring departments helping Princeton's Hook & Ladder were those from Hopewell, Kingston, Plainsboro, Princeton Junction, Montgomery, and Rocky Hill. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

Fire Wire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 30 calls between April 11 and April 25. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms were set off on Palmer Square, Nassau Street, Washington Road, Great Road, Witherspoon Street, Terhune Road, Hamilton Avenue, Library Place, and Old Great Road.

On April 11, crews were dispatched for a small brush fire on McComb Road. A small area of mulch self-ignited and was quickly put out.

Later that day, a Billie Ellis Lane resident reported smelling smoke and hearing an alarm sounding in a nearby residence. Engine 61, Squirt 63 and Tower 62 responded to what turned out to be careless cooking with a small fire that was extinguished on arrival. Crews ventilated the structure and checked for extension of the fire.

On the morning of April 19, crews responded to a Birch Avenue residence for a report of a leaf blower on fire. The leaf blower was left on the porch of the home but was quickly extinguished before the fire could spread to the structure.

Crews were dispatched for a reported structure fire in Princeton Auto Body on State Road, just after 3 a.m. on April 21. The fire was initially reported by a gas station attendant working across the street and had broken through the roof of the structure prior to the arrival of fire department personnel. Two elevated master streams were quickly established for exterior attack and several hand lines were also in service for what interior attack was possible. Approximately 50 firefighters from Princeton and surrounding areas got the fire under control in approximately 45 minutes. The damage to the building and contents was extensive and the heat from the fire was strong enough to melt the siding on a nearby business. Crews from Montgomery, Hopewell, Rocky Hill, Kingston, Plainsboro and Princeton Junction fire companies assisted with the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation but may have been due to faulty electric wiring.

Late morning on April 22, crews responded to a reported brush fire on Princeton Kingston Road. The call proved to be unfounded.

Princeton often relies on volunteer and paid crews from nearby towns to assist us when needed. Likewise, Princeton volunteers are sometimes called to support efforts in neighboring towns. In the past two weeks Squirt 63 was dispatched to Plainsboro for a possible structure fire and Tower 62 was detailed to stand by at the Pennington Road firehouse in Ewing while that company was busy at a large industrial fire in Hamilton. During the latter call, Tower 44 (Princeton Junction) covered calls in Princeton.

UP ON THE ROOF: Lt. Jamie Alkhateeb (in black uniform) was joined by members of the Princeton Junction Fire Department while fighting the blaze at the Princeton Auto Body Shop last Thursday morning. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 49 calls between April 16 and April 22. Thirty-one calls were located in Princeton Township, 16 in Princeton Borough, and two in neighboring communities. Included in these numbers were nine calls at Princeton University.

At 2:43 a.m. on Monday, April 18, the Squad was dispatched to a dorm bathroom at Princeton University where they found a 20-year-old student who was too intoxicated to be left on his own. The crew tried to convince him to accept transport to the hospital for medical monitoring, but the student was not cooperative, and when he became verbally and physically abusive to the crew, officers from the Princeton Borough Police Department placed him in custody. After further precautions were taken, he was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, April 20, the Squad was dispatched with the Princeton Fire Department to Princeton Auto Body on State Road, which was engulfed in flames. The Squad responded with two ambulances as well as the Special Services and Technical Rescue Trucks to provide lighting, breathing air and rehabilitative services for the firefighters. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

On Thursday, April 21, the Squad responded twice in 40 minutes for fall patients at Community Park School. The first call was for a student who fell and broke her wrist. The second call was for a woman who had slipped and twisted her ankle when she got out of her car. Both patients were transported to the hospital.

On Friday, April 22, the Squad responded to the Institute for Advanced Study for an industrial accident involving a lawn mower. Two workers were repairing a tractor-style lawn mower when it fell on top of them. Co-workers were able to free one of the men pinned by the tractor and the first arriving ambulance stabilized the tractor before removing the second patient from underneath. One of the men suffered a compound fracture of the forearm, and was transported to UMCP. The second patient was rushed to the trauma center at Capital Health Systems Fuld Campus for abdominal and chest injuries.

A HELPING HAND: Captain Dan Tomalin, Hook & Ladder, is being assisted with the change of air bottles by firefighter and EMS volunteer Jeff Golumb while Mark Freda, in charge of the tower, looks on. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

MAILBOX

Borough Council President Adds Voice To Debate on Jazz Club Application

To the Editor:

I will not be able to attend the planned Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on May 5 when the jazz club application is scheduled to be discussed, so I am putting my concerns in writing.

For some time now I have been following the jazz club discussions, and a great deal of what I am reading in the newspaper, and hearing from different people, I cannot believe. I can't understand why anyone cannot see that the approval of this application will be the destruction of a neighborhood in progress.

I lived on Birch Avenue for a number of years in the 1960s and I know where Mike's Tavern is. I know the surrounding areas, including the site where parking is proposed. How anyone can think that a 10,000 square foot nightclub with a ten foot wall, the extraordinary amount of traffic that this will generate, the noise that will be created, seven days a week, into early morning hours, is not too much for a residential neighborhood is incomprehensible. To suggest that it is a "positive" addition to the neighborhood, as has been suggested, is an affront to the neighborhood.

The neighborhood is already surrounded (to the south) by the Arts Council on one corner, and by the YM/YWCA on the other corner. North of that and to the east is the hospital and/or whatever will replace it, but it will be massive. All the traffic trying to get to the school, the recreational facilities, the hospital, etc., will leave the neighborhood with no relief at all as heavy traffic will continue during the evening hours if this application is approved. It's almost as if the neighborhood is locked into place and cannot get out. Just what the neighborhood needs — a jazz club. Right.

When is a true traffic study, and a circulation study, going to be done that will reflect the actual impact to this neighborhood if development continues? Does anyone care?

MILDRED T. TROTMAN
President, Borough Council

Teen Group at Corner House Center Will Miss Departing Leadership Team

To the Editor:

On April 19, The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) of the Corner House Counseling Center celebrated its graduation with a pizza party. However, the gathering was tinged by sadness, not only because our year of service was coming to an end, but also because it marked the final year for our TAG leaders Alison Politziner and Lynn Shell. Ms. Politziner has headed this youth leadership development program for ten years, Ms. Shell for five years. For a combined 15 years they have educated teens from the local high schools including Princeton High School, Princeton Day School, Stuart, and Hun.

TAG's mission is to work collectively to increase awareness of the negative effects of drug and alcohol abuse, the ultimate goal being to decrease the rates of abuse in the community and consequently the second hand effects such as violence and accidents. For many adolescents, substance abuse begins alarmingly early in life. In an effort to inform local students about the dangers of drugs, this year's TAG team targeted our younger audiences by performing skits and leading workshops at the middle schools. These presentations model responsible approaches for students who may be tempted to rely on drinking or drug use in a social setting. We usually followed these events with similar workshops for parents. The program is part of Corner House's efforts to raise consciousness about this public health problem. As a teen who has had the honor of working side-by-side with these two Inspirational individuals, I am positive that their leaving is a great loss for our entire community.

Thank you Alison and Lynn!

CATHERINE MARCHETTA
Crestview Drive

Petitioners at Hearing on Jazz Club Were Put Off by Officials' Incivility

To the Editor:

After attending the Princeton Township Zoning Board's meeting on the proposed jazz club, I was appalled at the behavior and remarks of its chairman, Carlos Rodrigues, and the Board's attorney, Robert Casey. In the face of legitimate grievances from the public, both individuals were generally condescending, frequently sarcastic, and occasionally hostile. Mr. Casey even threatened to have a citizen removed or arrested for speaking out. These officials abuse their positions in my opinion by acting in this manner.

In response to criticism about the effect of the jazz club on people's lives, Mr. Rodrigues sought to silence everyone by saying, "This is a zoning board application. This isn't anybody's life. Enough!" But Mr. Rodrigues speaks in error. This is about people's lives. This is no ordinary zoning board application.

For the past nine months, my neighbors and I have organized a grassroots response to the jazz club, involving scores of residents from Princeton Township and Borough. Many were at the Zoning Board meeting. From these citizens, we have raised and spent nearly $25,000 for our legal defense and to hire a professional planner — all necessitated to defend ourselves against our own Zoning Board. People have sacrificed their monetary resources because they understand what the impact of this jazz club would be on their lives. It is an affront by Mr. Rodrigues to dismiss this concern.

In 2004, when the Zoning Board hastily issued a split variance for this jazz club, Mr. Rodrigues said the site plan review would be the time to hear public concern. Judge Linda Feinberg in rejecting the lawsuit of the plaintiffs, said essentially the same thing. That was hardly the tenor or the organization of last week's Zoning Board meeting. Instead, the public was kept at the margins and would have been limited to one half hour to speak, were it not for our sheer numbers. The Township's paid staff of experts though represented in numbers hardly said a word all night. What we got was a meeting largely orchestrated and controlled by Mr. Rodrigues and Mr. Casey.

One can only hope that subsequent meetings on this vital subject, beginning with the next hearing on May 3, will be conducted differently. Perhaps other members of the Zoning Board will prevail on their leadership for this change. If not, and if Mr. Rodrigues and Mr. Casey persist where they left off, then perhaps it is time to call into question their continued service.

KATHLEEN HUTCHINS
Duffield Place

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Pine Street Park Should Be Renamed In Honor of Late Dr. David Bradford

To the Editor:

We, the friends and Pine Street neighbors of the late Dr. David Bradford, wish to thank Candace Braun for her article (Town Topics, April 13) on our recent presentation to the Borough Council, in which we requested that Pine Street Park be renamed in memory of Dr. Bradford. His tragic and untimely death in February deprived us of a beloved friend whose cheerful, generous, and caring presence enriched all of our lives.

We were pleased with the positive response we received from the Council, which approved a resolution to set up a trust fund forthwith in Dr. Bradford's name, to receive donations in his memory. The funds received will be used to improve and enhance the park. Included will be a small plaque acknowledging Dr. Bradford's importance to his profession as a leading economist, and his essential role in making Pine Street the friendly and welcoming neighborhood that it is.

We were requested by the Council to present a plan of our proposed park improvements for review at their meeting on May 10. We will endeavor to do that, bearing in mind that arriving at the best landscape design choices for the park will require more time to complete. Our goal is to secure the Council's endorsement of the renaming of the park in time for it to be announced at the memorial service for Dr. Bradford on May 20 (at 3 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium). Those wishing to participate in the park project can e-mail to billflemer@aol.com.

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Board of Education Thanks Community For Supporting School Budget Questions

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education we want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the Princeton community for supporting our 2005-06 budget and second question.

Education has always been a priority in Princeton. This is reflected in the excellence of our public schools, which at the same time contributes to the fine quality of life and high property values we enjoy here. The board particularly appreciates the serious consideration given our budget requests and the thoughtful participation of many Princetonians throughout the process of budget development.

We want you to know we did not approach these requests lightly. The board spent hours with administrators and staff carefully crafting a plan to address critical academic programming, personnel and safety issues. Your support allows us to move forward with these areas of vital need. Many of these programs will have a very public face, ones that will be readily apparent to our parents and students. These programs include science specialists in the elementary schools, early intervention teachers, an expanded pre-K program, after school tutorials, elementary guidance, and additional safety monitors, among others.

We appreciate that this vote came at a significant cost to many in our community. On an individual level we too are struggling with our own increased property tax bills as well as increased gas and utility expenses. We recognize that this places an even greater burden on the board and district to use our resources effectively. Our goal is to make the Princeton regional schools a place where all students thrive and achieve to their highest potential. Thank you for giving us the support necessary to make that happen.

ANNE B. BURNS
President, Board of Education
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Vice President, Board of Education
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Chair, Finance Committee, Board of Education

Princeton Community Housing Grateful For Attention Given COAH Regulations

To the Editor:

The April 13 public forum on the future of affordable housing in Princeton, created and hosted by Princeton Community Housing, was a huge success, in large part thanks to the excellent publicity provided by Town Topics.

The Community Room at Princeton Public Library was jammed with municipal officials and interested citizens who came to listen, question, and learn about what the latest round of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations will mean for our town.

Matthew Hersh's follow-up article in your April 20 edition succinctly summarized the information presented by Douglas Massey and David Kinsey of the Woodrow Wilson School, COAH attorney Melissa Orson, and housing expert Alan Mallach.

Princeton Community Housing, and The League of Women Voters, our co-sponsor, are grateful for your publicity and fine coverage of this important community event.

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THE INSPECTION PHASE OF A RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

The inspection phase of a residential real estate transaction begins when the contract of sale is finalized. Even when property is located in a municipality that requires a municipal inspection, most buyers contract a private inspection company to perform various inspections. Professional home inspections help buyers make informed decisions by providing important information about the condition of the home, potential health and safety hazards, mechanical and structural defects, and costly repair and maintenance issues.

The contract is usually contingent upon the buyer obtaining inspections. Depending upon the Contract terms, the inspections must usually be completed and reports furnished to the seller within ten to fifteen days from the end of attorney review. In order to avoid disputes and confusion, the contract should clearly set forth the scope of the inspections, and the rights and obligations of the parties with regard to inspection results.

The following are the most common inspections with regard to residential real estate and are usually paid for by the buyer:

- **Termite:** A clear termite/wood-destroying insect certification is usually required by the lender.
- **Structural:** This inspection includes the major systems, roof, basement, etc., and may include environmental hazards such as mold.
- **Radon:** The contract should specify the maximum level that will be deemed acceptable.
- **Septic:** If there is a septic system, it is imperative that the buyer have it tested by a qualified inspector.
- **Flood:** The contract should provide the buyer an opportunity to cancel if it is determined that the property is located within a flood hazard area.

The following inspections are less common, and are also usually paid for by the buyer:

- **Lead paint**
- **Above and underground storage tanks and surrounding soil**
- **Mold**

The following inspections are required by State or local law:

- **Private Well:** If the property is serviced by a private well, the well must be tested in accordance with the Private Well Testing Act, N.J.S.A. 58:12A-26. At closing of title, both parties must certify that they have received the test results. The law does not specify who must pay for the test, and that is a matter negotiated during the contract phase.
- **Carbon Monoxide Detector and Smoke Detector**: State law requires a seller to obtain a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance (CSDCMAC). In some cases, carbon monoxide compliance is not applicable.
- **Certificate of Occupancy:** Some municipalities require a municipal inspection and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) on resales. The seller usually obtains and pays for the inspection, although the parties are free to negotiate otherwise, such as by placing a monetary limit on the seller's obligation to make the repairs.

As when hiring any professional, it is advisable to obtain a recommendation when choosing a home inspector. The buyer should make the inspector aware of time deadlines under the contract, provide a copy of the seller's disclosure statement, and accompany the inspector on the day of inspection.

Due diligence on the part of the buyer during this phase of the real estate transaction is essential in order for the buyer to avoid becoming the owner of a house with significant structural, environmental and mechanical defects. Most importantly, the inspections may reveal potential health and safety risks associated with the property, bring potentially costly repairs and violations of Code standards to light, and significantly improve the buyer's ability to make informed decisions regarding the purchase of a home. From a seller's perspective, even if the contract is eventually cancelled, inspections make the seller aware of defects or conditions the seller may have to address when negotiating with another potential buyer.

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Hospital Site

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is the tract of land between Canal Pointe Boulevard and Route 1 South. At a West Windsor Township Council meeting Monday night, that scenario was disputed by residents opposed to the hospital relocating there. However, neither hospital trustees nor the West Windsor Township Council have been involved in any open or closed session discussions about the hospital's relocation efforts, according to Council member Kristin Appelget.

"[The residents] are opposing what they think is one of the sites the hospital is looking at, which is adjacent to Canal Pointe," she said, adding that the residents are responding to speculation rather than tangible proposals. "What we've reiterated to them is that, at this point, there's not a plan on the table nor has there been a formal acknowledgment by the hospital that that's the site they want to go to."

"The process hasn't even begun," she added.

But it has begun in Princeton Borough and Township, where it is more or less certain that no matter where the hospital moves, it will be leaving 12 acres of land in its wake.

The Planning Board's current exploration of possible uses for the land will eventually lead to a Princeton Community Master Plan amendment stipulating that changes in zoning be in accordance with future development. At the moment, the bulk of the site is zoned only for hospital use.

A task force composed of municipal zoning, planning, health, and elected officials released a report in February stating that if the hospital were to leave, the establishment of a residential area should fall in line with the surrounding neighborhood. Possible residential scenarios included townhouses, duplexes, and apartments; a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), which would include independent living, assisted living, and nursing home care; institutional use such as dormitories, or faculty housing; or a mixed-use situation that would include residential housing, offices, retail, parking, and open space.

The Planning Board hearing concentrated on the hospital's main campus site, not the nine-acre Merwick Rehab site between John Street and Bayard Lane. Hospital representatives have said that the Merwick site would be put up for sale regardless of whether the UMCP stays in Princeton or moves elsewhere.

"No matter what happens, Merwick will be sold," said Marvin Reed, Planning Board member and chairman of the aforementioned task force. That issue, Mr. Reed added, will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

"Our goal here, in looking at the Master Plan and the zoning ordinance, is to try to give some parameters to what would be desirable redevelopment of the site," he said, adding that those parameters should be put into place before potential developers come in with proposals.

The Planning Board first needs to look at the existing buildings on-site to determine what is "in good shape," that is, what buildings could serve other uses; what is re-usable, but in need of renovation; and what is in poor condition and should be considered for demolition.

Mr. Reed also suggested that an area of mixed residential styles along with a variety of prices that reflect "the kind of diversity that we have in town" should be considered on-site.

Board member Bill Enslin said he would like to see "compatible development" that would take into account more than one usage at the current hospital site. Gail Ullman, Borough vice-chair of the Planning Board, said that the whole area should be analyzed before zoning amendments are applied to specific parts.

Board member Wendy Benchley agreed, calling for a more "holistic" approach to re-zoning the site: "What are we looking for? We have to settle that question first."

Carnahan Place resident Angelo Perna suggested that the Planning Board receive the input of potential developers "to get a better perspective" on the development possibilities of the land.

Flora Davis, an Erdman Avenue resident, urged the Planning Board to explore senior housing possibilities. "We have been exiling our seniors for years," she said, while adding that any senior housing should be "something we can afford."

Westcott Road resident Helmut Schwab said he would like to see "some sort" of medical care facility in town, depending on how far the hospital were to move. "We don't know how far the hospital is going to move; if it moves six miles, then I think it's urgent to keep some doctors and clinics right where we are; if it moves only a mile, then I think it's less urgent."

According to Mr. Rabner, the question of mileage should soon be answered.

The Planning Board will hold a second hearing on zoning amendments for the hospital site on May 26 at Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. The hospital will host a community meeting on future hospital site uses this Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 in Conference Room A on the hospital's ground floor.

—Matthew Hersh

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School Budget

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middle school and high school, improvements that were added to the budget in response to a Title IX lawsuit that was filed in the fall by parents of female athletes at PHS.

Factors that influenced this year's budget include a 40 percent increase in building space following the expansion of the four elementary schools and middle school, as well as the state's new bill, S-1701. The bill, which is designed to provide tax relief, restricts how much a district can spend and what it can spend it on. Board members said it was because of this bill that a second ballot question had to be part of this year's election.

A total of $1.3 million dollars was cut from this year's budget to meet the state's spending cap. Cuts were made by consolidating some instructional services, taking away funding for community-based, non-profit groups, and refusing more than $2 million that was recommended by principals and supervisors for district needs.

A Grateful Board

In a meeting with members of the Board of Education late last week, the word that was most often used to describe the passing of both parts of the budget was "grateful."

"The taxpayers will see the yield of their investments," said Superintendent Judith Wilson, adding that the proposed programs and staffing in the second question were not decisions the Board had taken lightly.

The new programs on the ballot question are set to be implemented at the start of school in September, the superintendent added.

Once the budget goes into effect on July 1, Board members will begin the process of hiring the new staff and support, including the security for the middle school and high school, which includes two monitors at salaries of $45,000 each, and a dean of students for PHS, at a salary of $90,000.

While the Board has not come to a conclusive decision as to exactly what type of security it will hire, members have said that the security monitors will be unarmed and not in uniform.

The Board will hold further discussions on the matter in upcoming committee meetings, said Board Vice President Charlotte Blalek: "We've certainly heard a great deal on what the public wants [for school security] and will take that into account."

—Candace Braun

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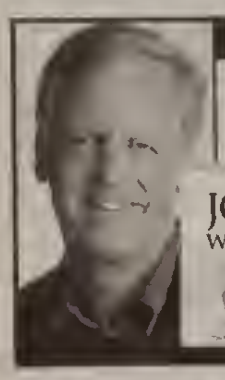

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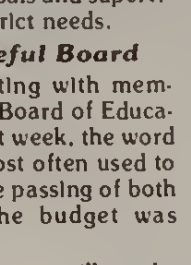

"Where there is great love, there are always miracles"—Willa Cather's words could well have been written about Princeton Junior School, where miracles grow in abundance. I shall try by describing two.

First, the miracle of believing in something and seeing it come true. We hear that 'seeing is believing.' Alternately, believing is seeing/perceiving that something will come to be. We believe that our children are growing into confident, competent and compassionate students. Likewise, they believe that they will be successful. Long ago, I recorded a belief in my journal while visiting our new school construction site:

5/91 This farm is a sight for my wondering eyes—a site once handmowed by the farmer's scythe. I dream that together we'll seed such a place wherein wisdom and children will grow face to face. Where families will learn how to work and to play, to listen, to laugh and to love every day.

Second, the miracle of teaching in such a way that children know a subject 'inside-out.' Teaching is awakening children to their deepest inner resources and encouraging them to reach outward for new knowledge and experience. Let me quote lines from my journal.

11/86 (The teacher is Mary. The subject is science.) A great morning in the 3's class... Mary is a blanket of love around them. Planting hyacinths... they cradle the bulbs, the black earth, the crushed bone meal... smelling, patting, shaping. The bulbs are their babies, getting lots of tender care from gardeners to whom lots of care has been given.

4/05: (The teacher is Christine. The subject is science.) The first-graders are planting a Carolina Silver Bell tree outside my window.
Christine: "Good job! You're doing so well! We need to have a very deep hole so as to get the tree all the way into the ground." (Children shovel like mad.)
Child #1: "Come on, you guys, we have a big job to do here!"
Christine: "Look at it from every side. See if it's straight."
Child #2: "Let me help shovel it in. Put the worm back. He's got to live there."
Child #3: "This is just like you're having a baby."

As children grow older and the standards for academic excellence become more quantified, they need to return to their source of creativity again and again. Daily, I observe a variety of students who, though their lifestyle and learning style might daunt the average teacher—ripen into self-confident, eager young scholars. Our School abounds with good teachers, be they old or young, in a classroom, in an office or outdoors on the grounds.

As great love has always inspired our School, I believe that miracles will continue to abound.

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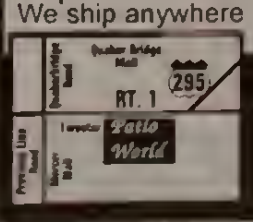

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The key word is fabulous, and it has truly been a stunning success story for Susan and John Panzica, owners of Fabulous Frozens.

If you need something different at your next party, company picnic, corporate function, or class reunion, let the Panzicas tell you how to make it an event to remember.

This husband and wife team, along with partners Robert and Brenda Bosi, are enthusiastic about their new venture, supplying frozen drinks, antique popcorn machines, and chocolate fountains to party-givers.

IT'S NEW To Us

"No one does exactly what we do," says Mr. Panzica. "We're premium party rentals. Our products are all quality. People come to us to rent equipment and products that will make an impact for their party."

How did former telcom executives (MCI and AT&T) end up providing party specialties that have become a huge hit?

"John had left the telcom industry and was looking into new possibilities two years ago, when our son was six," says Mrs. Panzica. "We wanted to have something fun for his birthday and also something special for the adults at the party. We saw you could rent this machine to have frozen 'slushy'-type drinks and make them at home, and they could be alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

"Well, we opted for 'Mango Margaritas' for the adults, and they were such a novelty and so much fun that no one left until the machine was empty!"

The Panzicas immediately saw the potential, and opened Fabulous Frozens in August 2003. "We saw that it was such a hit," continues Mrs. Panzica, "and then we had to come up with a name. We started researching, and we wanted a name general enough to apply to kids, adults, and the private and corporate market. We were sitting around in our kitchen with friends, discussing names, and we came up with Fabulous Frozens. Now, we have 19 flavors of slushies and 11 cocktails."

Customers rent the machine and choice of syrups, explain the Panzicas. "We deliver, provide cups, set up and show people how to use the machine, and we make the first batch of drinks for you."

The business has gotten off to such a great start that it has already generated franchises.

"We have made the company marketable by licensing," says Mr. Panzica. "Within six months, we sold a license to Monmouth County and then a second franchise in Camden. We hold training classes, and we're expanding on a regional basis."

Fabulous Frozens has provided its services for every kind of event, indoors and outdoors, from store grand openings to birthday parties for 3-year-olds. Holiday parties, fund-raisers, reunions, picnics, graduations, bar/bat mitzvahs, trade shows, family gatherings, Princeton University proms, and Super Bowl parties have all been enlivened by Fabulous Frozens.

"We have multiple events each week," reports Mrs. Panzica. "Recently, a big accounting firm celebrated 'Tax Day' with our frozen drinks, and we also donated our slushie machines to the Eden School benefit. We have handled events for 10 people to 750 people."

The Panzicas added an antique popcorn machine to its rental equipment, and it, too, has been in demand, especially for grand opening events, and at-home movie parties.

"Everything we have has been so popular, and people started asking right away what else we provided. When we were at a trade show, we heard about this great chocolate machine. It's a 34-inch tall stainless steel fountain structure, in which you melt 20 pounds of chocolate. We got the fountain last year, and it was such an incredible success we had to get another."

Chocolate lovers are in heaven when they come face to face with this phenomenon. A flowing waterfall of rich, warm melted chocolate cascades down the tiered fountain, and is perfect for dipping pieces of fruit, such as strawberries, bananas, and pineapple, and also biscotti, marshmallows, pretzels, etc. The ultimate chocolate dessert!

Chocolate Fountain

"We call it 'Death By Chocolate'!," says Mrs. Panzica. "We use high quality Belgian chocolate, and one fountain can serve 200 to 250 people. It has tremendous appeal to caterers, country clubs, hotels, and resorts. it's great for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, or just for getting together. Last year, we had a 'Girls' Night Out' at Christmastime, and we had the chocolate fountain and champagne for 20 of us."

All ages love the chocolate fountain, she adds. "From the smallest child who wants to stick his finger in it to the older person who needs assistance to get over to it — it's for everyone. At a Valentine's Day event at the University of Pennsylvania, we had the fountain, and one student kept coming back again and again. I think he wanted to lick the fountain! Finally, when we were finished and about to leave, he came and stuck his face in the fountain. He was immersed in chocolate!

"As people see it at more events, it will be considered an alternative to ice sculptures, champagne fountains, etc. Caterers will include it more and more."

New Jersey, especially Mercer and Middlesex Counties, as well as Bucks in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Staten Island, N.Y. are a big focus of business, and Mr. Panzica notes that when customers try one product, they often want to sample another.

"One product triggers another. We provided the chocolate fountain for a Sweet Sixteen party recently, and then they heard about the slushies and ended up having both."

Among the drinks, cherry is the most popular flavor for kids, followed by mango. Lime margaritas are adult favorites, with mango margaritas a close second.

Hands-On

As hands-on owners, the Panzicas are involved in every aspect of the business, keeping track of their 11 frozen drink machines, two popcorn machines, and two chocolate fountains; and answering calls and filling requests seven days a week.

The company's success has been beyond their expectations. "We have been surprised at how contagious it is," reports Mrs. Panzica. "That something that is your own endeavor and idea can be so popular and catch on to this extent. You hope it will happen, but to see it happen so soon is amazing.

TASTY TEMPTATIONS: "Our products are so different, such a novelty. They generate a lot of excitement at a party. People are so happy with our products and our service." Susan and John Panzica, owners of Fabulous Frozens, enjoy letting customers know about their signature frozen drinks, antique popcorn machine, and special chocolate fountain.

"I think our service sets us apart, too," she adds. "We strive to make your event really fabulous, from beginning to end. From the very first conversation in planning the stages of the event to setting up to the final leave-taking of the last guest, we are totally involved.

"Our level of service, the fact we are hands-on owners, the quality of our products (real fruit in the drinks with no added preservatives or processed sugar), chocolate from Belgium, our fabulous staff, and reasonable prices all make us special."

Are they glad they acted when opportunity knocked and went from corporate to chocolate? You bet!

"We meet such a cross-section of people — children to corporate executives and everyone in between, " says Mrs. Panzica. "What I say to people everyday is 'it's fun to be in a fun business.' I love people's reaction, whether it's for the popcorn, slushies, or the chocolate fountain. They all say, 'This was wonderful!' 'This made my day!' The customers are so excited. It's really been fabulous!"

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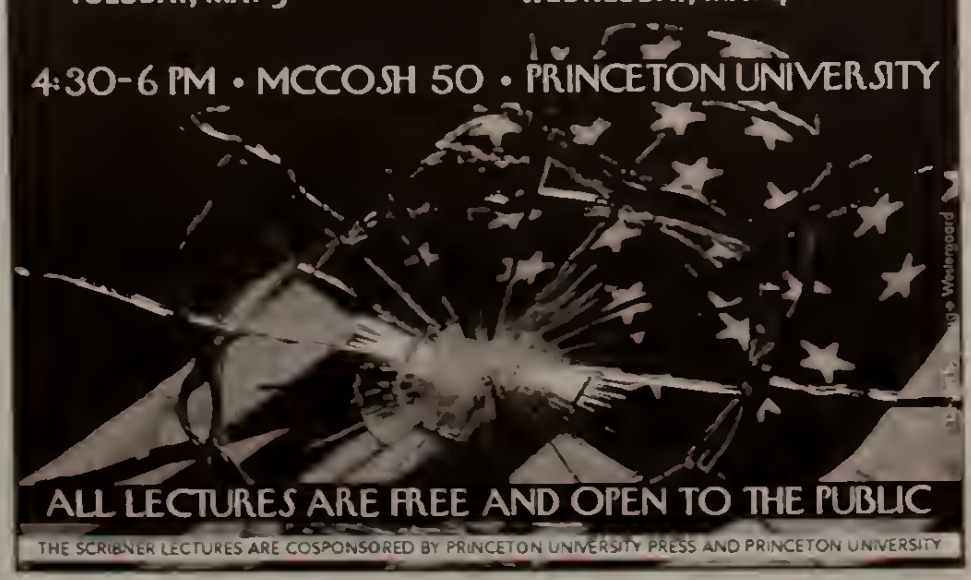
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Wellness As On-going Way of Life Is Mission of Momentum Fitness

Keeping fit has long been a way of life for Tony Vlahovic, president and founder of Momentum Fitness at 377 Wall Street. It was — and is — his desire to share the benefits of exercise, conditioning, and a healthy life-style that led him to open Momentum eight years ago this May.

"I had been in charge of a rehabilitation program in Newtown, Pa. to help patients get over injuries," he explains, "but I decided I wanted to take it a step further and create a space for everyone — people in condition, out of condition, injured, healthy, old, young, everyone!"

Always interested in conditioning and involved in sports, Mr. Vlahovic brings a unique set of credentials to his role as fitness director.

At the age of 14, after a football injury, he woke up in the middle of the night in pain and paralyzed from the waist down. Rushed to the hospital, he was found to have cancer. After surgery, he recovered completely, but the treatment process left him thin and weak. He cites this crisis as the time he recognized his mission in life.

"Even at that age, I knew that if I could take care of myself and recover, I could help others do the same."

He became his own personal trainer and fitness expert, and built himself up not only to a level of normal wellness for a teenager, but to a stage of elite athleticism. So much so, that he became a professional athlete, joining the Boston Red Sox in 1982 as a pitcher.

Unexpected Turn

His life took another unexpected turn in 1986, when on the way to spring training, his car was rear-ended by a drunk driver, and he lost his left leg.

Not only was his career as a ball player over, it took him a year and a half to learn to walk. Again, he did not give up, but facilitated his own recovery, learning everything he could about rehabilitation.

"Going through rehab, I thought about my life and life in general," he recalls. "I knew that wellness involved both the mind and body together, and the mind and body must both be active in the process.

"I decided to go back to school. My dad really pushed me to go, and I ended up attending graduate school and getting a masters in psychology (later adding certification as a sports psychologist)."

Momentum is the outgrowth of Mr. Vlahovic's personal understanding of what it takes to overcome and survive obstacles on the path of life, a skill essential both to physical training and recovery.

"One of the things I try to do now is be aware of my clients' motivation and help them identify their goals and achieve them," he explains.

Something More

A number of fitness centers were located in the area, but he wanted to offer a state-of-the-art facility, with all the latest strength and cardio equipment, but with a special focus on the well-being of each client, and a top-notch, caring staff.

"I felt there was no place with all of what I wanted to offer," he says. "The area needed something more. I wanted to build a staff that I was comfortable with, including trainers from different backgrounds. They are or become nationally-certified, and they are internally certified at Momentum, too. We have a specific program here for our trainers.

"Our staff makes a huge difference. Clients say that it feels like home here. It is such a friendly, dedicated staff. Our 14 trainers are always ready to help and advise members, if they need help adjusting a machine or someone to check their form. Helping the client is the most important thing they do.

"There is an aura about the facility, an energy to it," continues Mr. Vlahovic. And it is one of the cleanest places you'll ever see. We even have a special antiseptic detergent to wipe off the machines."

The setting is impressive and spacious, including two stories for all phases of fitness conditioning, group classes, and massage therapy. Resistance machines of every type, a variety of cardiovascular equipment (bikes, elliptical trainers, treadmills, rowing machines, etc.) free weights, as well as a heated resistance pool for aqua aerobics and continuous resistance swimming are available.

"All of our equipment is top-of-the-line," adds Mr. Vlahovic. "I try to mix different lines and pick the best machine for a particular muscle group."

State-of-the-Art

Upstairs, clients will find steam and sauna areas, state-of-the-art locker rooms, with all the amenities, showers, and individual changing areas.

Regular group classes in yoga, meditation, Pilates, spinning, cardiosculpt, kick-boxing, and others are conducted by 20 to 25 certified instructors.

In addition, a cafe offers complimentary tea and coffee on a daily basis, and fruit twice a week.

Clients, who join with an initial membership fee, then pay on a month-to-month basis, are all ages, body types, and at varying levels of fitness. They are eligible to use all the equipment and take as many classes as they wish. It is a very diverse clientele, adds Mr. Vlahovic.

"We help post rehab patients, covering the spectrum, including people with knee replacements, those recovering from surgery, accidents, etc. We continue the regimen that has been established by their own rehab program. We also have athletes training here, including cyclists, and the U.S. Rowing Team."

The majority of members are representatives from the general population, however, and in many cases, age 50 and older. More tone, less sag is the target! And it's never too late. Members in their nineties avail themselves of Momentum's services.

"Many people want to lose some weight and get into some kind of condition," reports Mr. Vlahovic. "My biggest pleasure is the reward of seeing people make some changes, feel better, and feel better about themselves. It helps their confidence and self-esteem. Also, I think being in condition and exercising gives a boost to the immune system, and it certainly helps to reduce stress. This is very important."

Realistic Goals

Setting realistic goals and not over-doing the work-out is also important, he emphasizes. "The program is a process. We take into consideration what people like to do and don't like, and what their capabilities are."

Once the program has been designed, working out three times a week is a realistic minimum goal, he points out. If one is conscientious, results can be seen in six weeks to two months. It is also best to rest muscles 24 to 48 hours in between workouts.

It is helpful to exercise at home, he adds. "Just walking is good. Taking the stairs instead of elevators, parking a little farther away from your destination — all this is good exercise."

In addition to the overall fitness program at Momentum, a Cancer Wellness Program, which is offered free-of-charge to cancer patients and survivors, has been available for the past four years.

"As a cancer survivor and having a successful business, I wanted to give back to the community," explains Mr. Vlahovic. "The program, which is dedicated to my father, who died of cancer on September 11, 2001, is non-profit and is free for adult cancer patients of all ages. We have people who are currently undergoing treatment or who are post-treatment.

"It meets twice a week, September through May, on Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 2:30. Sometimes, we have three people, and sometimes 12. It's a wonderful support group for the participants, too, as they make new friends. The program includes nutrition information, yoga, meditation, massage, aquatics, Pilates, martial arts, aerobic and strength training."

Even if people are limited in active participation, it is good for them to attend, advises Mr. Vlahovic. "It helps the person to have more self-esteem. They feel stronger. They feel their body coming back, and this helps them gain confidence. I want to get the word out so that people know this is available, and you don't have to be a Momentum member to come."

Reflecting on the long journey that has brought him to this point in time and to Momentum's success, Mr. Vlahovic says he looks forward to doing more of the same.

"I am very lucky to be living this dream, to have started a business from scratch, and have a staff that is like a second family. To have taken this from a vision to reality is a thrill.

"We look forward to growing as an organization and touching even more people in terms of their health and well-being. That is a goal worth having."

Momentum also offers a children's program for ages 8 and up. Hours are Monday through Thursday 5 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (609) 430-1050.

—Jean Stratton

FEELING FIT: "We offer special attention to our clients and very individualized programs suitable for each person." Tony Vlahovic, president and founder of Momentum Fitness, is proud of Momentum's emphasis on health and fitness as a way of life for people of all ages and levels of conditioning.

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BREAKING THE ICE: Owen Kanzler's "Icebreaking," an aerial shot of the Sandy Hook Bay in Atlantic Highlands Borough in 2004, is part of an exhibit set to open this Friday, April 29 at the Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery at 102 Witherspoon Street. The show will feature aerial photographs taken while Kanzler was flying his own plane.

Aerial Perspectives Abound In New Arts Council Show

The Arts Council of Princeton is taking photography to new heights in a show that features landscapes taken from a bird's eye view by aerial photographer Owen Kanzler. The show will take place side-by-side with a display of 10 gourds treated by 10 different artists.

The exhibition opens Friday, April 29, with an open reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

Kanzler, a New Jersey native, has been working as a professional photographer for much of his adult life. In 1974, he began exploring both the commercial and the artistic potential of aerial photography. Since obtaining his pilot's license in 1977, he has made aerial photography his full-time occupation. Kanzler captures landscapes, mostly of New Jersey, from the vantage point of his own small plane that he flies himself. All the photographs are shot on film (as opposed to digital shots), and the prints are made from original color negatives by the photographer in a darkroom, with no computer enhancement or manipulation.

A major emphasis of Kanzler's work, he said, is a "continuing exploration of aerial photography as a fine art, and as a vehicle of social and environmental commentary." Throughout his career, he said he has watched thousands of acres of New Jersey's agricultural landscape disappear. "Photographing farms and other rural sites feels almost like the taking of historical documents because many of them will be gone within a few years."

Kanzler's work has appeared in several magazines, newspapers, calendars, and books, and he regularly works on commission for a wide range of both corporate and private clients. His original prints are in several private, corporate, university, government, and museum collections and have been widely exhibited in art galleries and in environmental centers. He has been profiled on New Jersey Public Television (NJN) and has been awarded two individual artist grants by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

In addition to the photographer's aerial photographs, the exhibition will feature 10 gourds "manipulated" by painters, printmakers, paper makers, ceramic artists, a jewelry designer, a basket weaver, and a sculptor working in metal.

The gourds illustrate above all how 10 individual artists respond when confronted with the same object. According to project organizer Helen Schwartz, the gourds, because of their similarity, "function collectively as a vivid demonstration of the complexity and diversity of the creative process and various techniques." Paint, paper, pieces of machinery, rope, wax, seeds, beads, even cat whiskers have been used by the various artists. An untouched gourd is included to show how these works began and illustrate how far they have traveled from their roots.

The participating artists are Princeton artists Margaret Kennard Johnson, Susan Kubota, Connie Bracci McIndoe, Ken McIndoe, Arlene Gale Milgram, Joan Needham, Brenda Pomianoski, Helen Schwartz, Marie Sturken, and Judy Lass Tobey. Each has participated in major juried exhibitions, as well as solo and group shows; and have work included in museum and corporate collections. The gourds themselves were grown by Lorene Lavora at her farm in Warren County, and the project was initiated by landscape designer Peter Soderman and then developed by Helen Schwartz.

The exhibition illustrates both the art of nature — in the natural beauty of landscape — and the nature of art — in the external artistry bestowed upon elements of nature.

The exhibition will be on display through May 13. The Arts Council is located in the Paul Robeson Building on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street in downtown Princeton. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is available in the Spring Street and Palmer Square parking decks. For more information, please call the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or visit http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

"ENVELOPED TULIPS": Gallery 14, at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell Borough, has opened two new photography exhibits that feature the works of Jim Hilgendorf and Mark S. Fields, above. The shows, Hilgendorf's "Bristlecone Pine Trees" and Fields' "Light Caresses," will run through May 29. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 333-8511 or visit http://www.photosgallery14.com.

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PDS Student Wins Award At Annual Juried Exhibit

A student of the Princeton Day School won an award of merit at the 13th Annual Phillips' Mill Photographic Exhibition (PMPE), at 2619 River Road (Route 32), two miles north of New Hope in Solebury Township, Pa. The work of student, Victoriya Kovalchuk, will appear alongside nearly 200 photographs that "reflect an array of subject matter and developing processes," according to show organizers. The show, whose work was chosen by three jurors, will open on May 15 and will run through June 5.

"The work is superb and incredibly varied," said Judith Harold-Steinhauser, professor of photography at Philadelphia's Moore College of Art and Design and one of the three aforementioned exhibition jurors.

Harold-Steinhauser, along with award-winning photographer and author George Tice of Atlantic Highlands, and Alan Sockloff of Langhorne, Pa., a consistent exhibitor and award winner at PMPE, selected 157 entries from 1,186 submissions — nearly 300 more than were submitted last year.

The exhibition celebrates "Photography as Art and Photographer as Artist," and features the work of technical and professional artists and hobbyists in a wide variety of media, style and process.

Phillips' Mill also offers a showcase for student artists. In addition to the photographs selected by the jurors, the works of more than 30 students from Pennsylvania and New Jersey middle and high schools were chosen for the exhibition. Completing the show are selections from each of the judge's body of work.

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Lawner's images have won awards at several competitions of the Raritan Valley Photographic Society in East Brunswick and have been selected for a number of regional juried shows, including at the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, N.J. and for a solo exhibition "Primary Impressions" at the Rabbet Gallery in New Brunswick. His work is part of several corporate collections, including those at Johnson & Johnson and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Other Phillips' Mill prizes were: First Place, Rylan Crooks of Pipersville, Pa.; Second Place, Darrell Jennings, Doylestown, Pa.; Third Place, DF Connors, Rocky Hill; Best Landscape/ Newtown Camera Club, Nora Odendahl, North Wales, Pa.; Excellence in Digital Photography, sponsored by Princeton Photographic & Digital Imaging Workshops, Dewey V. Schorre, Ojai, Calif.; The Inn at Phillips Mill Award, Sarah Bodine, New Hope, Pa.; Elisabeth Shuman Memorial/ Humanitarian Award, Lyn Gardiner, Plantation, Fla.; Patrons Award, Coleen Marks, South Brunswick; Patrons Award, Tim Livingston, Havertown, Pa.; Judges' Award, Chris Hill, Pipersville, Pa.; Judges' Award, Eric Kunsman, Morrisville, Pa.; and Judges' Award, Janet Paxton, Cranbury.

In the student competition, juried by former PMPE prize-winner Sandra C. Davis of Burlington, Laura Lauber of Council Rock High School North, Newtown, Pa., won the Carmichael Scholarship. Earning Awards of Merit were: Phil Holcombe of the George School, Newtown, Pa.; Jocelyn Robles of North Philadelphia, who studies photography at The Light Room in Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ms. Kovalchuk of the Princeton Day School; and Laura Reilly of West Windsor-Plainsboro North High School, in West Windsor.

In addition to the award-winners selected by the jurors, a "People's Choice" award will go to the artist whose work is most favored by voting viewers. The award is given in honor of the late Emily Miller Redman, mother of exhibition co-founder Peter Redman of Newtown. She was a past president of the Phillips' Mill Community Association.

All work, including the students', will be for sale throughout the exhibition, with 30 percent of the sale proceeds benefiting the non-profit Phillips' Mill Community Association, based in the 1756 grist mill which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Also benefiting the association will be proceeds from a reception and book-signing May 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the mill by photographer and author Bob Krist of New Hope.

Krist, a freelance photographer whose work for magazines such as National Geographic Traveler, Smithsonian, and Islands, has taken him to all seven continents, will discuss his latest book, *Down The Shore: A Photo Tour of the Jersey Coost*. Admission to the reception, which will include wine, beer, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres and live music will be $10. An autographed copy of the book will be $25.

To raise funds for the yearly exhibition, the PMPE committee will raffle a printer with a digital printing session offered by Princeton Photographic & Digital Imaging Workshops, LLC.

Exhibit hours are Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m; Friday and Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. Admission to the exhibition is free. For more information, call (215) 862-0582 or visit http://www.phillipsmill.org.

"DIMENSIONAL SPACE NO. 8": Lambertville artist Malcolm Bray will exhibit this oil-on-canvas and other new pieces at Gallery 31 North in Glen Gardner as part of a dual exhibition with sculptor Gary Snyder, also of Lambertville. "Malcolm Bray New Paintings — Barry Snyder Sculpture" will will open at the gallery with an artists reception this Sunday, May 1 and will run through June 26. The gallery is located on the ground floor of the Historic Hunt House on the corner of Route 31 and Hunt Place in Glen Gardner, about four miles north of Clinton. For more information, call (908) 537-7044, e-mail gallery31north@comcast.net, or visit http://www.gallery31north.com.

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"LARRY": This oil, acrylic, and graphite-on-canvas piece by area artist Rachel Bliss is part of a new exhibit at Hopewell's Morpeth Gallery that culls its subject matter from personal experiences.

Hopewell Show Comprises 'Strong, Meaningful' Work

"At times frightening, often sympathetic, always compelling," are the paintings by area artist Rachel Bliss, according to gallery organizers at the Morpeth Gallery at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Bliss' works are scheduled to be on display in an exhibit beginning with a reception at the gallery on May 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. and running through May 31.

"Personal involvement is the key to unlocking strong, meaningful imagery," Bliss said, adding that much of the subject matter in her show is drawn from experiences and observations as a single mother of three children, and from living in a poor, urban Philadelphia neighborhood. "It is a world of publicly-lived emotions, the fears, and the joys are exposed in all their complexities."

Working in acrylic, oil, and graphite, many of Bliss' paintings in the show are recent works that include portraits of both humans and animals. Interestingly, she does not hide mistakes made when painting; rather, she integrates them into the finished product.

"After all, as in life, the wrong turns and dead ends are part of the journey," she said.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 333-9393 or write info@ruthmorpeth.com.

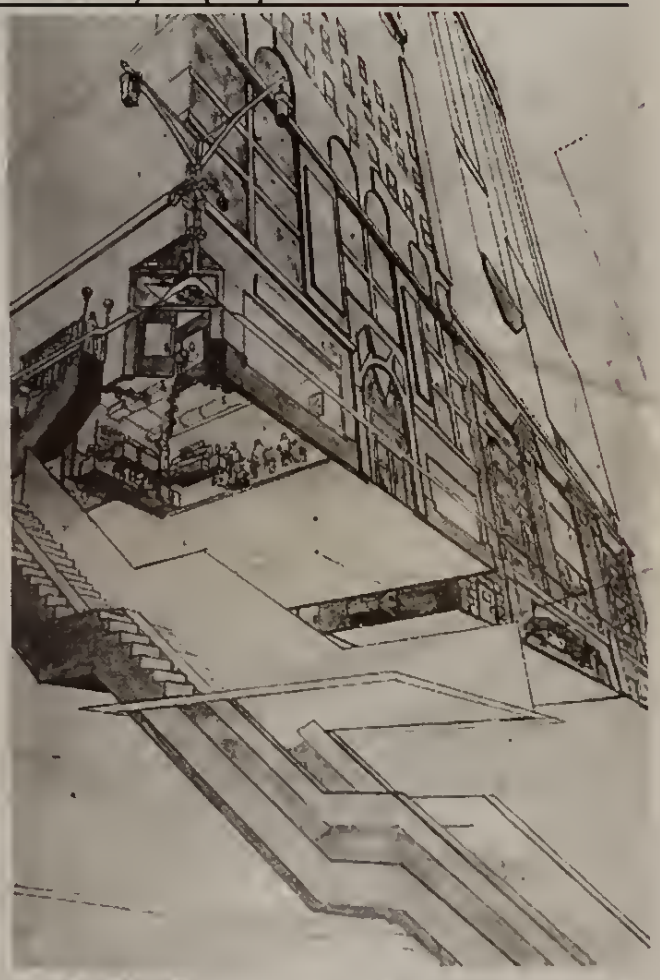
"MORNING ON THE DELAWARE": This oil painting by Donna Needs is part of the Annual Spring Exhibition at the Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. The show, which will run through May 29, introduces works of a group of artists who participated in the Delaware River Sojourn this past summer. The show also features the watercolors of Princeton artist Joanne Augustine. Coryell Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0804.

"Future of Art" Displayed At Rutgers Thesis Show

Graduating seniors at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts are currently hosting an exhibit, touted as the "future of art," that ranges in style from traditional canvas paintings to "cutting edge" video work.

The exhibit, "Dystopia Arts Show 2005," will show through this Friday, April 29, at the Mason Gross Civic Square Building at 33 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, directly next to the State Theatre. Works are featured in a variety of media and express several post-modern ideas. An interactive Web site highlighting the artists has been set up at http://thesis2.rutgers.edu.

The show will be available for viewing through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For directions, call (732) 932-INFO.



"SUB-URBAN": The work of David Cicirelli, a graduating senior at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts in New Brunswick, is currently being featured alongside the works of his classmates in "Dystopia Arts Show 2005," a thesis exhibition, at the Mason Gross Civic Square Building at 33 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, directly next to the State Theatre.

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Students and Professors Collaborate in MCCC Show

MCCC at ARTWORKS has announced the opening of "Garden State Project," a collaborative exhibition by students and art faculty members of Mercer County Community College. The show, which is set to open May 3, will run through May 29 at the ARTWORKS gallery on Stockton Street in Trenton, directly across from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. An opening reception will take place on Friday, May 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Garden State Project "explores New Jersey as a locale," said MCCC fine arts faculty member, Yevgeniy Fiks. "Without shying away from contradictions, the artists explore and deconstruct existing stereotypes about New Jersey and its inhabitants — and have some fun at the same time." Among the questions addressed by the exhibit are: "What makes New Jersey unique?" "How do others perceive New Jersey and its residents?" and "How do New Jersey residents see themselves?"

The project began when MCCC art professors invited students to collaborate on exploring multidisciplinary approaches in contemporary art. "Garden State Project" includes the disciplines of multimedia, installation, performance, environmental art, video, and digital media.

MCCC at ARTWORKS is operated by Mercer County Community College with the City of Trenton, and the Department of Parks, Natural Resources, and Culture. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

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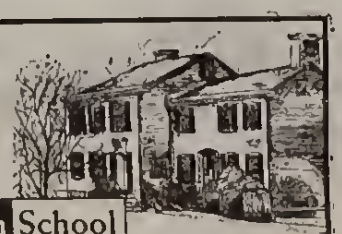

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Symphony Orchestra Closes Season With Rapture and Sumptuousness

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra wrapped up its 25th anniversary season on Sunday afternoon with a tribute to the ballet. Paris in the 1920s was a hotbed of innovative dance and music amalgamation, and PSO conductor Mark Laycock transported this heyday to Richardson Auditorium with the music of Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky, and Maurice Ravel, all of whom wrote for the ballet. The Princeton Symphony has a lot to celebrate in its 25th anniversary season, as the ensemble showed off its precise and solid playing in these works. It was a particularly good afternoon for the violas, which were featured as a section in each of the works.

American composer Aaron Copland was renowned for writing music that painted a landscape, and his *Appolochion Spring* (originally titled *Ballet for Martha* [Graham]) draws from instrumental solos and old American tunes to capture Ms. Graham's vision of a "new town where the fence has just gone up." Copland focuses on the inner voices with solos which add to the American flavor of the piece. The solo winds in Sunday afternoon's performance — flutist Mary Schmidt, oboist Peter Velikonja, and clarinetist Daniel Spitzer — all played with elegance and grace, accompanied by a sectional string sound which was very clean. Concertmistress Basia Danilow played an especially sweet solo, and the brass section was particularly crisp in its presentation of the well-known "Simple Gifts" theme.

Igor Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps* (the Rite of Spring) was most known for its scandalous premiere at which the public was incited to near riot. This work was written for a Diaghilev ballet and its driving rhythms and percussive syncopation was a little much for an audience used to the smooth impressionistic music of Debussy and Ravel. For this performance, Mr. Laycock took a quick but not out-of-control tempo, and the famous "Auguries of Spring" scene moved right along. It might have been tough to dance to this speed, but it was easy to listen to. Mr. Laycock directed musical traffic especially well in this piece.

Wind solos abounded in this two-movement work (especially bassoonist Roe Goodman and bass clarinetist Bohdan Hilash), and most impressive was timpanist Adrienne Ostrander, who provided very steady and precise playing. The percussive effects of the work were derived from the cellos and basses, which provided a clean and crisp sound.

The final ballet score on the program featured several movements from Ravel's Daphnis and Chloé suite, and the orchestra was joined by the Westminster Symphonic Choir, prepared by Sun Min Lee. Mr. Laycock brought out the impressionistic effects well, with flowing trills and lone lines, and once again the violas excelled. This period of music always features a number of winds speaking against a palette of strings, and most notable among these winds was Reva Youngstein, playing a rich and lush alto flute solo.

Mark Laycock programmed this concert to feature the rapture and opulence of both the music and the orchestra. It was a very effective way to show just how far the ensemble has come since its beginnings twenty-five years ago as a community orchestra, now a solid player in the regional orchestral arena.

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The musical was originally supposed to revolve around an impending shipwreck, until an actual shipwreck occurred just before the show went into rehearsals. As a result, the disaster portion was done away with, leaving intact a lighthearted romp on a ship populated with criminals and nightclub singers. The show features such familiar songs as *I Get a Kick Out of You*, *Blow Gabriel Blow*, and the title song.

The creative team behind the production will be stage director Bill Fabris, music director Richard Gordon, and choreographer May Lou Barber. The cast is composed of Westminster students.

A regular with Chautauqua Opera, Mr. Fabris has directed *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Barber of Seville*, and *The Mikado* as well as several musical revues for the Young Artist Program. Equally at home in the worlds of opera and musical theater, he has also directed musicals such as *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Kiss Me, Kate* for the past several years at the Ash Lawn-Highland Summer Festival. Since 1987, he has been director and choreographer for the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players. Off-Broadway, he directed and choreographed the 20th anniversary production of *Boy Meets Boy*.

Mr. Gordon has had a varied musical career that has ranged from opera in the Alaskan tundra to solo concerts in the jungles of Africa. As a conductor and accompanist he has toured with Metropolitan Opera diva Patrice Munsel and Jane Powell. He has been associated with such opera companies as the Washington Opera, New Orleans Opera, St. Louis Opera, and Chautauqua Opera; and has conducted national tours with Goodspeed Opera, Playwrights Horizons, and Phillip Glass Ensemble.

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Mercer County Community College will offer two free spring concerts at Kelsey Theatre next month.

The MCCC Jazz Band will perform on Wednesday, May 4 at 8 p.m., directed by faculty member James Kelly. The MCCC Chorus, composed of students and community members, will perform its spring concert, *Of the People: An Evening of Folk Songs*, on Friday evening, May 6 at 8 p.m.

The jazz band will present such classics as Earle Hagen's *Harlem Nocturne*, Duke Ellington's *It Don't Mean a Thing*, and Oliver Nelson's *Stolen Moments*. The program will also feature works by Charlie Parker and Herbie Hancock, as well as Mr. Kelly's arrangement of George Gershwin's *Summertime*. All selections will include improvisations by jazz students.

Conducted by Music Director Marjorie Herman, the MCCC Chorus will present a program featuring a variety of selections for chorus and soloists, including *Turn, Turn, Turn*, *Erie Canal*, *Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair*, *O Danny Boy*, and Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom*.

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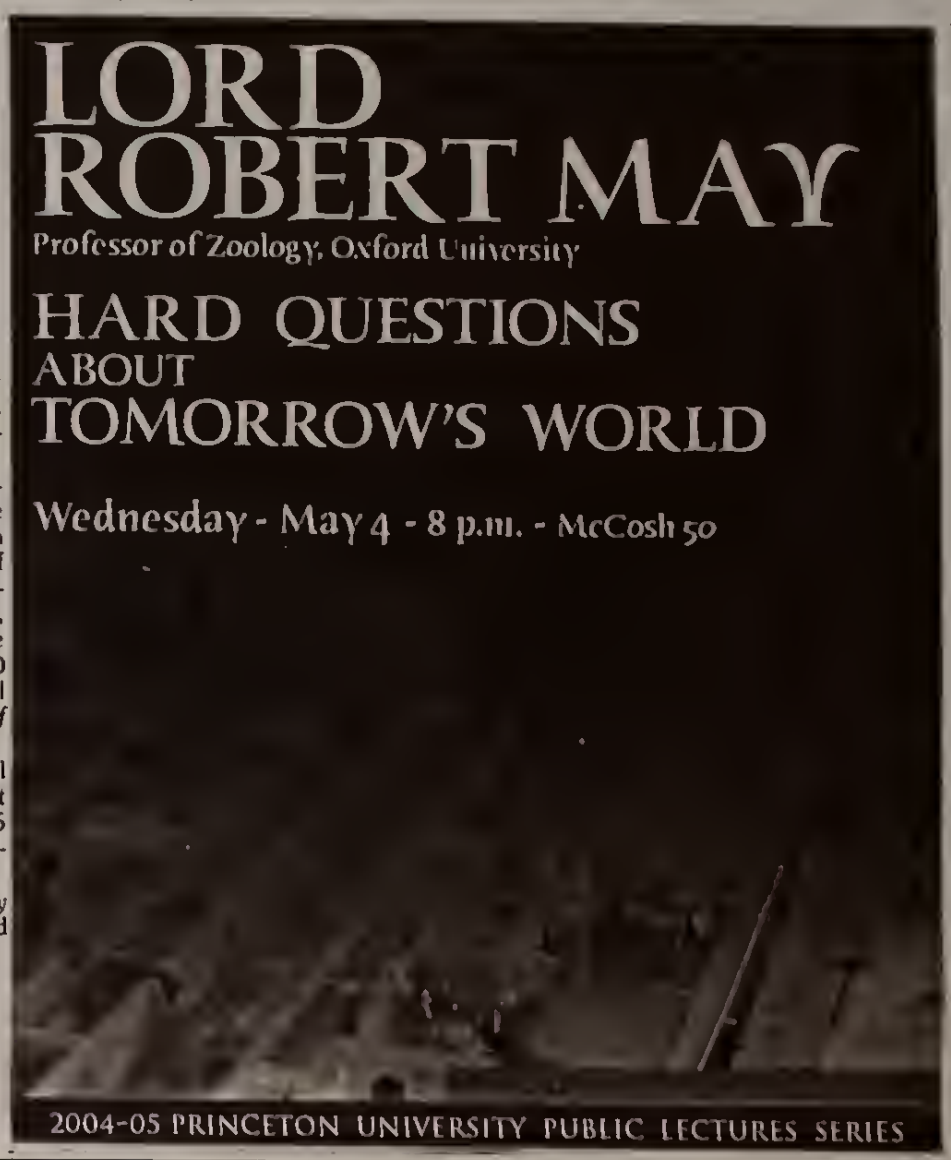

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Paul Taylor

Choreographer to Speak At University This Friday

Paul Taylor, choreographer and founder of the Paul Taylor Dance Company, will speak at Princeton University this Friday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. In the James Stewart Theater at 185 Nassau Street. The free talk is part of the J. Edward Farnum Lecture Series.

On Tuesday, May 3, the Paul Taylor Dance Company will perform at McCarter Theatre.

A seminal figure in the history of modern dance, Mr. Taylor will discuss the modern dance movement and his own choreography with Maura Keefe, a dance historian from the Ohio University School of Dance. Video clips will accompany the talk.

Mr. Taylor founded the Paul Taylor Dance Company in 1954 and a second company, Taylor 2, in 1993. Both groups travel internationally. Many of Mr. Taylor's works have been licensed for performance by dance companies worldwide.

The talk is open to the public. For more information about this and other University public lectures, visit www.princeton.edu/~publect.

"My Architect" Will Open West Windsor Film Series

The Oscar-nominated documentary about the life and work of Louis Kahn, *My Architect*, will be the first event in the 2005 West Windsor Film Series. Free and open to the public, the film will be shown on Saturday, May 7 in the West Windsor Library's community room at 7:30 p.m.

The film was written and directed by Mr. Kahn's son, Nathaniel Kahn.

The speaker will be David Rothstein, a longtime architectural colleague and former student of Louis Kahn. The audience will be invited to participate in the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

The second film in the series on artists and their work will be *Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time*, by Thomas Riedelsheimer, on June 4. The series will conclude on September 23 with Istvan Szabo's film, *Taking Sides*.

While the vision of Louis Kahn is well known among professional architects, the general public is less aware of his contribution. In *My Architect*, Nathaniel Kahn pays tribute to his father's designs, while the photography demonstrates how his structures interact with light and their natural settings.

Mr. Rothstein, drawing on a close association with Louis Kahn that spanned almost two decades, will add a personal commentary on the events described in the film. In 1956, Mr. Rothstein studied with Mr. Kahn at the University of Pennsylvania and worked as an apprentice in Mr. Kahn's office.

The Film Series is a collaboration between the Library and the West Windsor Arts Council, and marks the first time that the Library will host a weekend evening event for the benefit of the community.

The West Windsor Library is located at 333 North Post Road, West Windsor.

Dance Studio to Present Choreography by Student

Evolves, a collection of innovative modern dance works choreographed by Princeton University student Laura Chiang, '05, will be performed on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. in the Hagan Dance Studio at 185 Nassau Street.

The hour-long show culminates a senior thesis investigating the choreographic process, and will represent a range of movement styles and aesthetics.

The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to benefit the New Jersey Sharing Network and/or the Parkinson's Alliance.

The dancing will feature students from the University Dance Department.

Ms. Chiang, a chemistry major, is pursuing a certificate in the University's Department of Theater and Dance. Working with advisor Meghan Durham, faculty lecturer in the Council of the Humanities, she has become increasingly drawn to the choreographic aspects of performance. With *Evolves*, she has attempted to explore new styles of movement without abandoning more familiar modes of motion. The dance pieces range stylistically from lyrical and earthy to pedestrian and comic, and explore solo, duet, trio, quartet, and large group forms. The title of the performance reflects a journey of movement exploration.

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"Hamlet" Director Takes Play To New Levels at Berlind

Love, deception, truth, truth withheld, insanity, and hunger are just some of the aspects of *Hamlet* that Director Michael Fish hopes to convey to his audience in his upcoming production at the Berlind Theatre.

Mr. Fish spoke at the Princeton Public Library last week about the different ways Shakespeare's tragedy can be performed, and how each director's interpretation of the text can make each performance unique.

The program was the last in the library's McCarter Live series.

Mr. Fish told his audience that the reason he chose to reinterpret *Hamlet*, as opposed to any other of Shakespeare's plays, is because, "it's one of those plays that speaks very personally and very deeply to anyone."

The director said that while there are many different aspects he could have focused on, he wanted to explore the domestic relationships by having a simple set and a cast of only eight actors, with some playing more than one part.

According to Mr. Fish, doubling up on the characters reintroduces a custom from Shakespeare's time, when actors often played more than one role in the same play.

"When you have Claudius also playing Guildenstern, it adds a whole other layer to the experience," said Rob Campbell, who plays only the role of Hamlet.

Asked if he finds it difficult to create his own image of Hamlet when so many actors in the past have already played the role, Mr. Campbell said that as the actor falls into the part, past productions begin to fade from his mind.

"When you're working on a speech of Hamlet ... ultimately you can't help but really experience it for yourself," he said.

Mr. Campbell said that he even flirted with the idea of playing the parts of both Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, so that it would appear that they were merely voices in his head, and not actual people.

"It can really go anywhere ... the soul of the play is what it's about," he said.

Student Perspective

Mr. Fish is currently co-teaching a class on *Hamlet* with Michael Cadden, head of Princeton University's Program in Theatre and Dance. Students have followed the process of bringing the play to life, helping the director develop it by questioning aspects that he thought he understood.

When the students were first introduced to the idea of using an eight-member cast, they were very skeptical, said Mr. Cadden. But, after witnessing the play's first reading, "all their skepticism vanished," he said.

"I think the students were stunned to see how it changes the play.... Certain aspects of the play come across all the more clearly," added Mr. Cadden.

Explaining how each director has his own vision, Mr. Cadden recalled taking students to see a Shakespeare play in London last year, and then having them see the same one in Stratford-upon-Avon the following evening.

"It was barely recognizable as the same play," he said.

Along with the other changes he has made to the play, Mr. Fish said he has also changed the scene where Hamlet sees the ghost of his father.

"To me, the appearance of the ghost has been less about chains and smoke and more about Hamlet seeing his dead father walk into the room," said Mr. Fish, adding that by not using the special effects that usually accompany the ghost, he is making the confrontation appear more realistic.

Mr. Fish's acclaimed productions of Joe Orton's *Loot*, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, have been performed in regional theaters throughout the country.

He has served as an assistant and associate director for the Shakespeare Theatre and an associate director at the Ahomson Theater in Los Angeles.

Hamlet will be performed at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, from May 3 through June 19. For more information, call the ticket office at (609) 258-ARTS, or visit www.mccarter.org.

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Soprano Dawn Upshaw and pianist Richard Goode will present a joint recital this Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre.

A three-time Grammy Award-winner, Ms. Upshaw has made more than 300 appearances at the Metropolitan Opera. Mr. Goode is the first American pianist to record the complete cycle of Beethoven Sonatas. Their McCarter program will include works by Haydn, Schumann, Debussy, and Mussorgsky.

One of America's foremost singers of the art song, Ms. Upshaw is known for her musicality and distinctive voice. "Everything she sings is sacred," said the Boston Herald. She is also a recitalist and recording soloist, partnering with Mr. Goode, James Levine, and John Harbison in performances of classic and contemporary works.

Mr. Goode is widely regarded as a leading interpreter of the music of Beethoven. Last year, he performed Bartók's *Third Piano Concerto* with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Budapest Festival Orchestra. He has given solo recitals in Amsterdam, London, Paris, Madrid, Munich, Vienna, and other European cities, as well as in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Miami, and Toronto. His recent recording of *Boch Partitas* was selected as Record of the Month by Gramophone magazine.

Tickets are $42, $39 and $10 for students. To order by phone, call (609) 258-2787.

Two Upcoming Concerts Set by Steinway Society

The Greater Princeton Steinway Society, Inc., a nonprofit youth piano scholarship organization, will hold two musicales over the next six weeks at the Jacobs Music Recital Hall in Lawrenceville.

On Sunday, May 1, at 4 p.m., a Scholarship Award Musicale will present the winners of the 2005 Steinway Society Scholarship competition performing their prize-winning pieces.

On Sunday, June 5, the pianist, composer, and teacher Paul Zeigler will perform at 4 p.m.

Mr. Zeigler's multifaceted career has taken him on performance tours throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. In April 2002, he won the Kathryn G. Obenshain Award for second place at the 22nd Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev international Piano Competition and Festival at Radford University, Va. As a composer-performer, his works have been featured on radio and television, and in concert Halls. His March, 2004 New York City concert of original works drew praise from John Hammel of WNTI Radio. "It is refreshing to encounter music so utterly accessible and imbued with a compelling joie de vivre at its core," he said. "All of Mr. Zeigler's compositions offered a full emotional and coloristic palette. His piano playing was masterful."

Mr. Zeigler's recently released CDs are entitled *Beethoven: Three Sonatas, Pathetique, Moonlight and Appassionata*, and *To Music and Other Original Works by Paul Zeigler*. He teaches in his private studio in Madison, N.J.

Admission will be $15, or $8 for full-time students.

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"Smokey Joe's Cafe" Coming to State Theatre

The longest running Broadway revue in history, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, will arrive at New Brunswick's State Theatre next weekend for three performances, on Friday, May 6 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The show celebrates the hits of songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller.

The State Theatre stop is part of the show's national tour by Phoenix Productions.

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Arts Council Schedules Children's Film Festival

For families wondering how to observe Mother's Day weekend, the Arts Council of Princeton is offering something out of the ordinary that grandparents, parents, and children can enjoy together — the Flying Popcorn International Children's Film Festival, on Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m.

Families with children 9 and older will find the Friday afternoon event more suitable, while children of any age will enjoy the Saturday program.

The film festival is presented in conjunction with Kid Filmmakers, a year-round travelling filmmaking academy that provides workshops and festivals for children aged 9 to 17. It will showcase independent films produced by children and adults, and will include feature films, short films, documentaries, and animations.

Admission is $6 for one screening ($5 for members), or $10 for both ($8 for members). Proceeds will be donated to the Starbright Foundation, a nonprofit organization co-founded by filmmaker Steven Spielberg that brings together the worlds of technology, pediatric healthcare, and entertainment to create programs that help seriously ill children cope with their illnesses.

Kid Filmmakers founder and executive director Eleyne Austen Sharp created the Film Festival in 2003 to encourage the creation of quality productions for children. "The lack of distribution for independent children's films has made it difficult for good works to find an audience," she said. "It is our goal to bring these films and audiences together, to expose young people to films reflecting different cultures, to encourage innovative filmmakers to continue creating for young people, and to give educators tools for exploring art, social issues, world culture, and media in their classrooms."

The films are selected by an independent jury of film critics and enthusiasts at the annual Newport Winter Film Festival and are then screened nationwide the following year. Awards are given to best short, best documentary, and best animation, and the festival attracts film entries from as far away as Italy and China.

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CINEMA REVIEW — A Lot Like Love

Ashton Kutcher's and Amanda Peet's First Impressions Last in Reverse Comedy

Oliver (Ashton Kutcher) and Emily (Amanda Peet) have nothing in common. He's a college graduate who plans to develop a successful business and find his true love. Emily, on the other hand, is a free-spirited, aspiring actress who has dated a series of men without bothering to find out whether any of them were any good for her before she got involved.

These strangers are headed in different directions the day their paths cross on a flight from Los Angeles to New York City, when Emily spots Oliver across the aisle in the jetliner. Upset over her break-up with her latest boyfriend, she impulsively follows Oliver into the bathroom.

She seduces Oliver and then they return to their seats, behaving as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

While waiting for their luggage in the terminal, Oliver walks over and introduces himself, but Emily isn't inclined to chat, share her phone number, or reveal her name. And thus begins a cat-and-mouse relationship which is supposed to feel *A Lot Like Love*.

The typical storyline for this sort of movie places a series of obstacles between the romantic leads, keeping them physically apart or emotionally at odds until they finally realize they're meant for each other shortly before the closing credits. *A Lot Like Love* runs in reverse, by starting with intimacy, and then artificially separating the couple until the moment when they live happily ever after.

WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS!: Finding themselves in yet another improbable meeting place, Emily, (Amanda Peet, left) and Oliver (Ashton Kutcher) struggle to find out if they are really meant for each other. *(Photo by Ben Glass)*

The story hops around from Los Angeles to New York and back and then to San Francisco. Although they don't commit to each other, Emily and Oliver do date, thanks to a series of coincidences which has them bumping into each other again and again in city after city.

So, for the next seven years, which feels ten times as long to the audience, we see them meet in restaurant and street scenes where they smoke, over-indulge in alcohol, mug for the camera, and perform other antics which are supposed to be cute. British director Nigel Cole (*Colendar Girls*) has the characters resort to such slapstick devices as straws up the nose, open mouths full of food, choking, regurgitation, and serenading.

The film falls flat because the protagonists have engaged in a sex scene during the picture's opening sequence. Perhaps the movie might have worked if it had been shown in reverse. Fortunately, for Ashton (*Guess Who?*) and Amanda (*Melinda ond Melinda*), each has a better alternative currently in theaters.

Fair (★). Rating: PG-13 for nudity, profanity, and sexual situations. Running time: 107 minutes. Studio: Touchstone Pictures.

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AT THE CINEMA

A Lot Like Love (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and nudity). Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet star in this romantic comedy as a couple who meet and mate on a flight from L.A. to N.Y. only to spend the next seven years trying to decide whether their relationship really ought to be platonic or intimate. With Kal Penn and Ali Larter.

The Amityville Horror (R for violence, terror, sex, expletives, and drug use). This remake of the 1979 horror movie is again based on the Jay Anson best seller about a family which moves into a house on Long Island not knowing that it is haunted by the ghosts of people murdered there many moons ago.

Beouty Shop (PG-13 for frank sex chat, drug use, and profanity). Queen Latifah reprises the role of Gina in this spin-off of *Borbershop* 2. Now, the sassy, opinionated hairdresser has relocated from Chicago to Atlanta where she opens her own salon which is soon filled with colorful patrons and employees who are also inclined to speak their minds. Cast includes Djimon Hounsou, Kevin Bacon, Ice Cube, Andie MacDowell, Alicia Silverstone and Deila Reese.

Dear Fronkie (PG-13 for profanity). Dysfunctional family drama about a single-mom (Emily Mortimer) who, for 9 years, plays pen-pal to dupe her deaf son (Jack McElhone) into believing that his absentee father is actually a sailor in the navy. Things come to a head so she asks a stranger (Gerard Butler) to assume her ex's identity.

Downfall: (Unrated). Set in 1945, this World War II drama humanizes Hitler to present a sympathetic portrait of the Führer and his Nazi minions as the Allies closed in during the Third Reich's final days. In German and Russian with subtitles.

Fever Pitch (PG-13 for crude humor, sexual humor, and sensuality). The Farrelly Brothers adapted this romantic comedy from the Nick Hornby novel of the same name about a die-hard Boston Red Sox fan (Jimmy Fallon) whose girlfriend (Drew Barrymore) has no idea what she's in for.

Guess Who (PG-13 for sex-related humor). Bernie Mac stars in this role-reversed, romantic comedy remake of Guess *Who's Coming to Dinner* as an overprotective father upset when his daughter (Zoe Saldana) brings home her white fiance (Ashton Kutcher) for the first time.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Golaxy (PG for adult themes, action sequences, and mild epithets). Sci-fi adventure, adapted from the first in a popular series of five novels by the late Douglas Adams. Initial installment revolves around a guy (Martin Freeman) who stows away aboard a spaceship seconds before the Earth is blown to bits. Cast includes Mos Def, Zooey Deschanel, and John Malkovich.

The Interpreter (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). Academy Award-winner Sydney Pollack directs a couple of other Oscar-winners in a political potboiler about an FBI Agent (Sean Penn) assigned to protect a United Nations interpreter (Nicole Kidman) who overheard a death threat against the head of an African nation (Earl Cameron) only to become the target of the assassins as well.

King's Ronsom (PG-13 for profanity, crude humor, and sexual humor). Anthony Anderson handles the title role in this crime comedy about an arrogant businessman who stages his own kidnapping to avoid splitting any assets with his wife (Kellita Smith) after their impending divorce settlement. Ensemble cast includes Nicole Ari Parker, Regina Hall, Jay Mohr, Loretta Divine, Donald Faison, and Leila Arcieri.

Kung Fu Hustle (R for graphic, stylized action violence). Set in Shanghai In the thirties, this comedy revolves around a martial arts showdown between a gang of Chinese mobsters and the righteous residents of a housing project. In Cantonese with subtitles.

Look at Me (PG-13 for brief profanity and sexuality). This French farce, set in Paris' publishing industry, features an ensemble cast of seven characters whose love lives intersect in a curious fashion. In French with subtitles.

Melindo ond Melinda (PG-13 for drug use and sexual themes). This bifurcated tale directed by Woody Allen presents two movies in one, a comedy and a drama spontaneously spun by playwrights sitting in a coffee shop. Radha Mitchell stars as the woman at the center of both stories, Will Ferrell as the self-psychoanalyzing Woody substitute, with Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Chloe Sevigny, and Josh Brolin among the supporting cast.

Robots (PG for mild epithets and suggestive humor). The filmmakers who brought us *Ice Age* fast-forward to the future for this computer generated animated adventure about the attempt of a diabolical corporation to frustrate the efforts of a boy genius (Ewan McGregor) to program all robots for good. Voicework Includes Mel Brooks, Halle Berry, Robin Williams, Drew Carey, D. L. Hughley, Greg Kinnear, Jennifer Coolidge, Carson Daly, Conan O'Brien, Amanda Bynes, Stanley Tucci, Jamie Kennedy, and Paul Giamatti.

Sohoro (PG-13 for violence). Matthew McConaughey stars in this buried treasure adventure, based on the Clive Cussler novel of the same name, as an explorer who sets out for Africa in search of a long-lost Civil War battleship said to have sunk with a booty of priceless coins.

Sin City (Unrated). Mickey Rourke stars in this crime drama as a streetfighter who goes on a rampage on the seamy side of town in search for the murderer of a woman (Jaime King) with whom he had shared a one-night stand.

The Upside of Anger (R for profanity, drug use, violence, and sexual situations). Joan Allen stars in this family drama as a just-dumped suburban housewife whose husband has abandoned her and his four daughters for his secretary. Lucky for mom, along comes a handsome, retired baseball star (Kevin Costner) offering a shoulder to lean on.

Wolk on Woter (Unrated). Espionage thriller, set In Berlin, about a homophobic Israeli spy on the trail of an 80 year-old Nazi who has second thoughts about assassinating the war criminal after befriending his gay grandson. In German, Hebrew, and English with subtitles.

Winter Solstice (R for profanity). Anthony LaPaglia stars in this dysfunctional family drama, set in New Jersey, about a grieving widower trying to deal with one son's (Mark Webber) self-destructive behavior and his other one's (Aaron Stanford) decision to move to Miami.

xXx: Stote of the Union (PG-13 for profanity and Intense violence). Ice Cube replaces Vin Diesel as the 007-style hero of this action-oriented sequel about a renegade secret agent assigned to thwart a conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government. With Samuel L. Jackson as his apoplectic boss and Willem Dafoe as the diabolical villain.

—Kam Williams

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Sun–Thurs 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 *(R)*

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Upside of Anger, The (R): Fri.-Sat., 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30; Sun.-Thrs., 2, 4:30, 7
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AT YOUR SERVICE: Town Topics staffers supplied newspapers and water bottles at Saturday's Communiversity event. From left, Yeou-Shiuh Hsu, Robin Broomer, Reilly LaMarche, and Lynn Smith. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

BUBBLES: A youngster enjoys a little bubble magic during Saturday's Communiversity festivities. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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SLAPSTICK FOR A GOOD CAUSE: At Saturday's Communiversity Princeton University's Phi Beta Sigma slapstickers took it in the face to raise money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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ART IN ACTION: Communiversity artist Julia Helms makes a pretty face (3-year-old Nydiya Parsons) even prettier during Saturday's festivities. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

SHOWDOWN ON WITHERSPOON: Communiversity onlookers witnessed a demonstration by the Princeton Academy of Martial Arts last Saturday. Here Director Rick Tucci (left) duels with Mike Lee. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

HAPPINESS IS A WARM MONSTER: Four-and-a-half-year-old Helen Bennett seems to be doing most of the hugging during an encounter on the Communiversity midway last Saturday. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

TRY IT ON: It may not be the latest style, but it's got a certain panache. Firefighter Matthew Freeman of Mercer Engine 3 encourages an interested customer at Communiversity last Saturday. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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RIBBON CUTTERS: To memorialize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary, the Rotary Club of Princeton recently funded and constructed four dugout shelters in Grover Park, behind the Princeton Shopping Center. Celebrating the completion of the project, Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a picnic luncheon in the park last Sunday. To assist with the celebration, Rotary International Governor Frieda Applegate, left, cut the ribbon, assisted by Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Princeton Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill.

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Mercer Cnunty Democracy for America will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Carl A. Fields Center on Prospect Avenue, for a discussion of outreach efforts and reports from working groups. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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The **Princeton Ski Club** will offer a "ground school" for sailboat crew members on Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plainsboro Public Library. The cost per session is $5.

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The **Professinnal and Business Singles Network** will host a dance and social on Friday, May 13 at the Best Western New Hope in New Hope, Pa. at 8:30 p.m. Membership is not required. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be offered.

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The **Princetnn Newcomers Club** will meet on Friday, May 13 at 11:45 a.m. at the YWCA Princeton. The speaker will be Bobbie Mitchell, who will appraise antiques and collectibles.

Lunch is optional and may be purchased for $7. No reservation is needed.

The Newcomers Club was founded to give those new to the area a way to make friends and get acquainted with their new surroundings. The club offers a speaker and lunch on the second Friday of each month and a social coffee on the third Thursday morning. The interest groups include Princeton History, Crafters, Creative Writing, Bridge, Genealogy, Book Talk, and Broadway Bound.

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Strong chess players do have the ability to calculate many moves ahead in positions and to visualize stages of development within those branches of analysis. As you might imagine, this becomes easier to do near the endgame as there are fewer pieces of which to keep track.

Concrete conclusions to these analyses are also a helpful aspect of calculation in the endgame. Often the branches of the analysis end with an obvious win for one side. With this ease comes some difficulty though: endgames tend to be tricky.

Because of the alteration of the pieces' relative values in the endgame, a greater breadth of possible moves must be considered. All piece sacrifices must be considered. Any move that creates a passed pawn might be worth considering because that pawn could soon queen.

—Chad Lieberman

Brunner, L. (2415) - Serper, G. (2450)
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2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	Nc6
6.Bc4	Qb6
7.Nde2	e6
8.0^0	Be7
9.Bb3	0^0
10.Bg5	a6
11.Bxf6	Bxf6
12.Qxd6	Rd8
13.Qg3	Be5
14.Qh3	Bd7
15.Kh1	Nd4
16.f4	Nxe2
17.fxe5	Nxc3
18.Qxc3	Bc6
19.Rf4	Qd4
20.Qxd4	Rxd4
21.Raf1	Rd7
22.h4	h6
23.h5	a5
24.a4	b5
25.axb5	Bxb5
26.R1f3	a4
27.Ba2	Rc8
28.Rg3	Rxc2
29.Rfg4	Rxb2
30.Rxg7+	Kf8
31.Bxe6	Rd1+
32.Kh2	Be8
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Sports

Princeton Men's Lax Makes Wrong Kind of History As 17-4 Loss to Cornell Ends Ivy, NCAA Streaks

It was an interesting tidbit in the media notes for the Princeton University men's lacrosse season opener against Johns Hopkins.

Flipping to the "By the Numbers" section, a reader would have learned that the Tigers came into the season having won 10 straight Ivy League titles and that no Ivy program in any sport had ever accomplished the feat of winning 11 straight league crowns.

That statistical footnote now takes on an ominous tone in light of last Saturday's events in Ithaca, N.Y. which saw the Tigers suffer a 17-4 rout at the hands of sixth-ranked Cornell to get officially eliminated from the both the 2005 Ivy race and the upcoming NCAA tourney.

In becoming the ninth Ivy program to fail to capture title No. 11, Princeton slipped to 3-7 overall and 2-2 in Ivy play while the rampaging Big Red improved to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in Ivy play, sewing up at least a share of the league title.

In reflecting on the shattering setback which saw Princeton get outshot 62-21, Tiger head coach Bill Tierney acknowledged that his club ran into a buzzsaw.

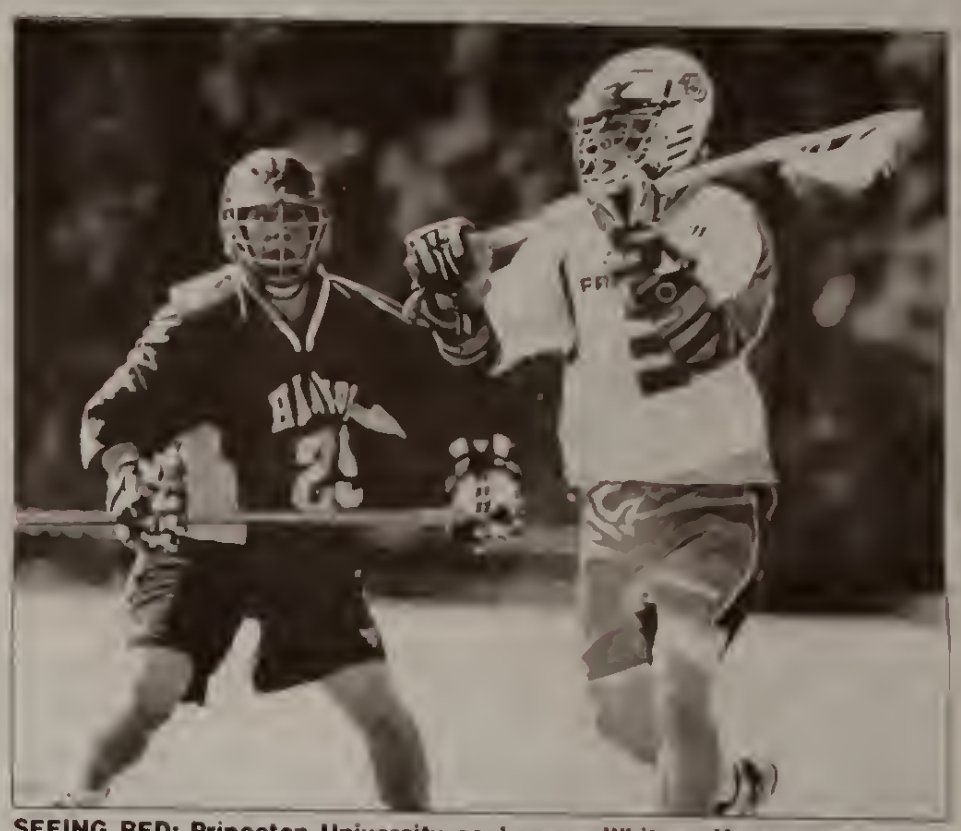
"Definitely all credit goes to Cornell," said Tierney, who got two goals from Peter Trombino and one apiece from Mike Gaudio and Scott Sowanick. "They shot the ball very well. We were hurt again by not winning face-offs or making saves. We had five shots on goal in the first quarter and made one, they had eight and scored six. They put pressure on you."

The Tigers trailed 6-1 after the first period and 10-2 at the half. Things didn't get any better after the break as Princeton found itself down 15-3 by the end of the third quarter. The Big Red had a 34-17 edge in face-offs and forced 18 Princeton turnovers.

With Princeton not headed to post-season play after 15 straight appearances in the NCAA tournament, Tierney is going to put some pressure on his charges as they finish the season by hosting Dartmouth on April 30 and Brown on May 7.

"I'm looking to see how much heart we have," asserted Tierney with his voice rising. "I won't accept quitting and I don't think our guys will either. We're going into these games looking to win, we want the seniors to go out on a high note."

Tierney is hoping that the returning players will use this spring's frustration as a springboard towards a productive offseason.



SEEING RED: Princeton University sophomore Whitney Hayes prepares to pass on his way to a one-goal, two assist effort in Princeton's recent 12-4 victory over Harvard. Last Saturday, Hays, a former Princeton High star, was held to one assist as the Tigers were dismantled 17-4 by Cornell. The loss to the Big Red ended Princeton's streak of 10 straight Ivy League titles and 15 straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Princeton will conclude its season by hosting Dartmouth on April 30 and Brown on May 7.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

KNOCKOUT BLOW: Princeton University attacker Alex Haynie, right, crashes to the turf in the Tigers' recent win over Harvard. Last Saturday, Princeton was knocked out of both Ivy League title contention and a shot at the NCAA Tournament by virtue of its 17-4 loss at Cornell. The Tigers slipped to 3-7 overall and 2-2 in Ivy League play with the setback to the sixth-ranked Big Red.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"The fact that we had such a disappointing season has to be motivation," said Tierney, whose 2004 club advanced to the NCAA Final Four.

"The kids who are coming back have the character to rebound from this and I think the kids coming in as freshmen have that kind of character."

The Hall of Fame coach acknowledged that he was perplexed by how badly things went this spring. "The difference in this year's team and last year's team was only three or four players," explained Tierney, although one of the graduated players was the gifted playmaker Ryan Boyle who ended his Tiger career with 232 points.

"It is surprising that we didn't come close to what we did last year. Just because a player is a year older, doesn't mean that he is a better player."

The process of getting better will start with the final two games on the schedule. "The kids need to work hard and learn from their disappointment, I think they will," said Tierney, whose career record at Princeton is 195-68 with his last losing season coming way back in 1989 when Princeton went 6-8. "The goal right now is to beat Dartmouth and Brown."

In assessing what went wrong this spring, Tierney doesn't spare himself from blame. "Things start at the top," said Tierney. "Kids win games, coaches lose them. I didn't do a good job. This team has the talent to be a lot better than 3-7. Whatever I was doing with this group didn't work. I need to motivate better."

As a result, Tierney is planning for a busy offseason. "Believe me, [associate head coach] Dave Metzbower and I are not going to sit back and say this was bad luck," vowed Tierney. "We're going to look at the films of each game and review every minute and every player. We're going to figure out what we need to do."

In view of Tierney's stellar track record, he is likely to find a way to make this season's disappointing mark end up being a statistical aberration. **—Bill Alden**

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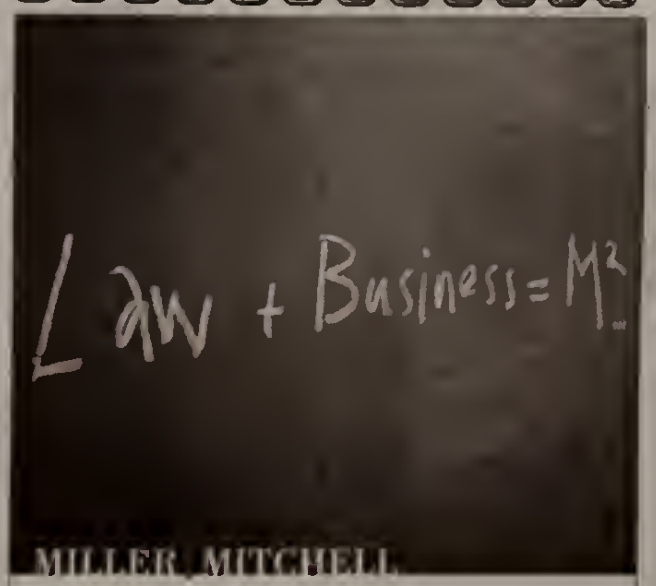

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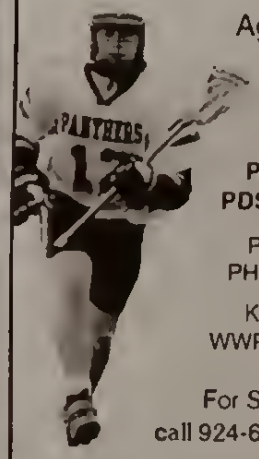

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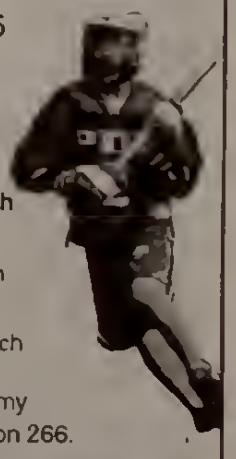

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Tiger Women's Lax Falters Late in Dartmouth Loss, Aims to Rachet Up Fighting Spirit for Homestretch

In the NCAA quarterfinals last May, the Princeton University women's lacrosse team displayed a special competitive fire as it fought back from a late two-goal deficit to stun archrival Dartmouth 6-5 in overtime.

A red-eyed Dartmouth coach Amy Patton admitted afterward that Princeton's poise had tipped the balance in the hard-fought contest.

Apparently gaining some valuable lessons from that stinging defeat, the Big Green jumped out the gate this spring with 12 straight wins, climbing to No. 4 in the national rankings.

Last Saturday, third-ranked Princeton travelled up to Dartmouth for a rematch in the battle of heavyweights which has produced the Ivy League champion every year since 1994.

Fighting through a chilly rain at Scully-Fahey Field, the archrivals put on a riveting display in the first half which saw the teams head into intermission knotted at 6-6.

With the game and league title hanging in the balance, it was Dartmouth that showed poise down the stretch this time. The Big Green erupted for a 3-0 run in the first seven minutes of the first half and never relinquished the lead as it posted a sweet 12-9 win to clinch the outright Ivy crown.

In reflecting on an afternoon which ended with Big Green players donning ivy garlands in their post-game celebration, Princeton head coach Chris Sailer took her hat off to Dartmouth.

"They came out hard in the second half and got those early goals," said Sailer, whose club dropped to 10-3 overall and 5-1 in Ivy play. "We didn't make some big stops and our offense never got in a flow. We made mistakes; our youth showed. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores on the field and they are mainly a junior-senior team."

While not making excuses, Sailer said that her team's chances took a major blow when senior All-American midfielder Elizabeth Pillion was sidelined early in the contest due to a leg injury.

"Pills is one of the top players in the country and one of the toughest competitors we've ever had," said Sailer. "They were excited to see her leave the game and that allowed them to buckle down harder on Lindsey Biles."

In Pillion's absence, Tiger freshman star Katie Lewis-Lamonica raised her game as she fired in three goals. "She was the one kid out there for us who really wanted the ball and went hard," said Sailer of Lewis-Lamonica, a former standout at the Lawrenceville School. "She really stepped up."

While Princeton is out of the Ivy title chase, it still has plenty to play for as it is almost certain to be chosen as an at-large participant in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

The Tigers, who have been to five straight Final Fours, will look to seal a tournament bid and hone their game as they play at Delaware on April 26, host Brown on April 30, and then conclude the regular season with a game at Maryland on May 4.

"We definitely want to keep improving everyday," said Sailer, who guided Princeton to national titles in 1994, 2002 and 2003. "I think we can get better in all parts of the game."

But in Sailer's view, the lesson her team learned from the loss Saturday revolves around mindset, not the technical aspects of the game.

"We need to become better fighters on the field," asserted Sailer. "Dartmouth wasn't afraid to go for it last Saturday. We have to show the passion to go for it and not worry about making mistakes. We can't be passive, we need to compete every minute."

—Bill Alden

MEAN GREEN: Princeton sophomore Kathleen Miller prepares to unload the ball in recent action. Last Saturday, Miller had a goal and an assist but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 12-9 at Dartmouth. The loss to the Big Green eliminated Princeton from Ivy title contention. Princeton, now 10-3 overall and 5-1 in Ivy play, hosts Brown on April 30 and plays at Maryland on May 4. The fourth-ranked Tigers will be looking to hone their form as they are nearly certain to be chosen as an at-large participant for the upcoming NCAA tournament. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

SORE SPOT: Princoton senior star Elizabeth Pillion, left, looks for an opening in a game earlier this spring. Last Saturday at Dartmouth, Pillion was sidelined early in the game due to a leg injury and the Big Green took advantage as they beat Princeton 12-9 to clinch the Ivy League title. Pillion had an assist before leaving the game. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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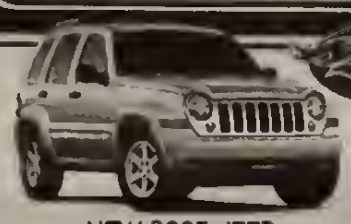

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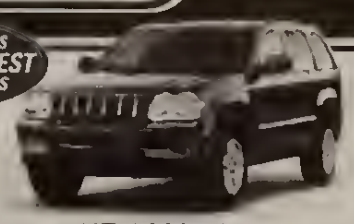

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BACK ON TOP: Princeton University softball coach Maureen Barron instructs her charges in recent action. The Tigers swept a doubleheader at Brown last Monday to regain the Ivy League crown. The Tigers won the title in 2002 and 2003 before slipping to the middle of the pack last spring. Princeton, now 33-14 overall and 12-2 in Ivy play, has home doubleheaders against Villanova on April 28 and Rider on April 30. After that, the Tigers will play in the NCAA tournament. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Track Athletes Excel at Ellis Event

Princeton University track athletes produced several superb individual efforts last Saturday as the program hosted its annual Larry Ellis Invitational at Weaver Stadium.

On the men's side, Dwaine Blanton won the 200-meter dash and ran the leadoff leg to help the Tigers win the 4x100 relay. Mike Weishuhn won the high jump with former Montgomery High star Alex Willis taking third. Kenneth Stringer and Drew Ceant finished one-two in the hammer throw.

In women's action, Juliette Poussot finished first in the 200 dash and third in the 100 while Lindsey Cole took first in the 1,500-meter run. Brooke Minor won the high jump with Courtney Regan taking second in the pole vault. Molly Jones placing second in the triple jump, and Amy Krilla finishing second in the javelin throw.

In upcoming action, the Tiger track athletes will compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia from April 28-30.

Princeton Grad Young Stymies Yankees

Former Princeton baseball star Chris Young made his first appearance at storied Yankee Stadium a night to remember as he pitched the Texas Rangers to 5-3 win over the Yankees last Friday before a crowd of 42,710.

Overcoming the chilly, wet conditions, Young went 5⅔ innings, giving up four hits and one earned run while striking out seven. The victory improved Young to 2-1 on the season.

Princeton Football Hosting Women's Clinic

The Princeton University football program is hosting its fourth annual Women's Clinic on May 1 at 1 p.m. at Princeton Stadium.

The clinic is open to local women and is designed to help them learn more about the game of football in a hands-on teaching and coaching environment. The program includes a rules seminar, position instruction for offense and defense, drills, and a special teams strategy session.

New England Patriots Vice President of Player Personnel Scott Pioli will be the guest speaker at the clinic. The day culminates with a flag football game and door prizes.

The cost of the clinic is $30 and all proceeds go to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. For more information, contact assistant football coach Eric Jackson at (609) 258-3546 or ejackson@princeton.edu.

Tiger Women's Water Polo Takes Southern Crown

Paced by a big offensive performance from Jazmin Brown, the Princeton University women's water polo team topped Bucknell 8-3 last Sunday in Lewisburg, Pa. to win the 2005 Southern Championship.

Brown fired in three goals while goalie Natalie Kim made seven saves as the 15th-ranked Tigers won their second straight Southern crown and their fourth since 1999. Anne-Lise Maag, Courtney Mee, Carolina Ardila, Jessica Ajoux, and Maegan Zitren also added goals for Princeton.

The Tigers, now 26-7, advance to the Eastern Championships, which be held this weekend at Indiana University.

Tiger Men's Volleyball Falls in EIVA Quarters

Junior setter Jack Pichard had a productive day but it wasn't enough as the Princeton University men's volleyball team fell 3-0 to Rutgers-Newark last Saturday in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) playoffs.

Pichard had 45 assists while Peter Eichler and Sean Vitousek each contributed 13 kills as the Tigers lost the match by a score of 30-27, 34-32, 30-21.

The defeat left Princeton with a final record of 7-13.

Princeton Men's Tennis Tops Cornell in Finale

Ending its season on a high note, the Princeton University men's tennis team won 4-3 at Cornell last Saturday in its season finale.

The Tigers got wins from Darius Craton at No. 2 singles, Hans Plukas at fourth singles, Andrew Lieu at fifth singles in the win over the Big Red.

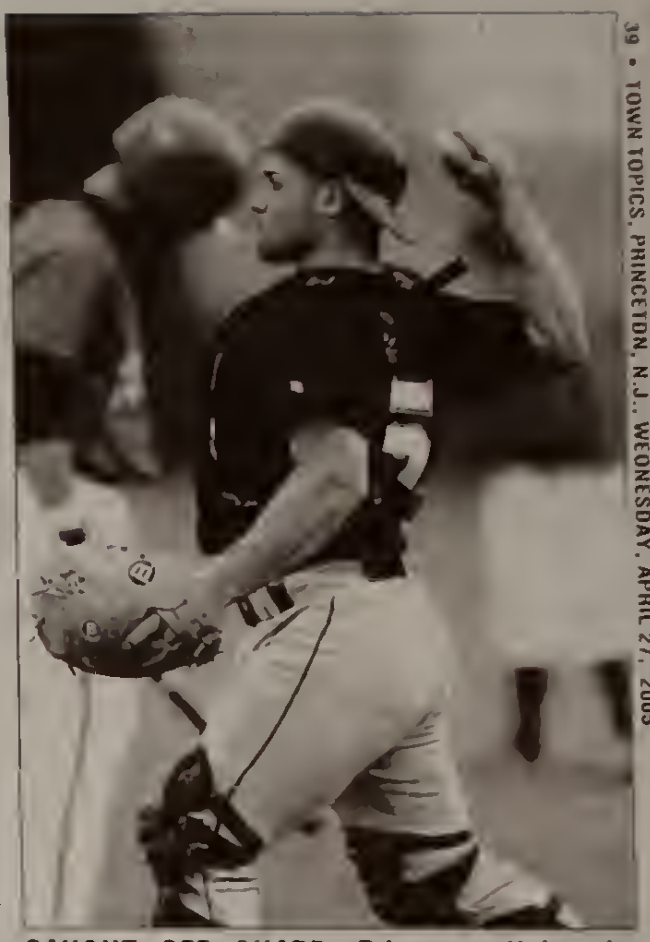
Princeton finished its spring season with an overall record of 14-8 and 3-4 in Ivy League play.

Princeton Rowers Cruise to Victories

Continuing their strong spring, Princeton University rowers earned some key victories in action last weekend.

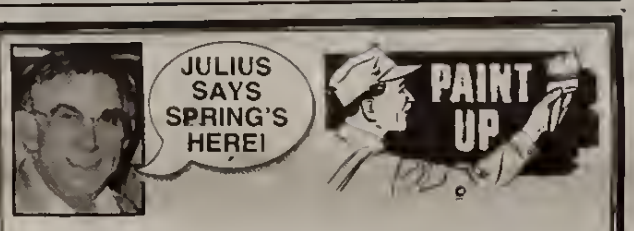
The top-ranked Princeton open women's crew topped Dartmouth and Penn last Saturday in Hanover, N.H. to win the Class of 1984 trophy. The Tigers covered the course in 5:51.2 while Dartmouth was second in 6:01.0 and Penn was third in 6:02.2.

The victory improved Princeton to 9-0 and extended their winning streak in Ivy League competition to 18 races. The win clinched the Tigers' second straight perfect Ivy campaign.



CAUGHT OFF GUARD: Princeton University catcher Sal Iocono fires the ball back to the mound in a game earlier this season. Iocono and the Tigers struggled last weekend as they dropped three out of four games to last place Columbia. The Tigers moved to 14-21 overall and 8-8 in Ivy League play. Princeton now trails Cornell (9-7 Ivy) in the league's Gehrig Division. The two teams will play a doubleheader at Princeton on April 29 and a twinbill at Cornell on May 1. The Tigers need to win three of the four games to take the Gehrig Division title and qualify for the Ivy League championship series. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

In action at Lake Carnegie, the fourth-ranked Princeton men's heavyweight boat topped Cornell and Yale last Saturday to earn the Carnegie Cup. Princeton clocked a time of 5:34.5 with Cornell second in 5:42.8 and Yale third in 5:46.0.



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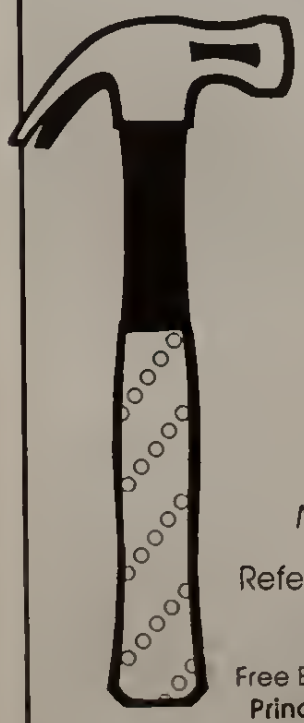

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Kalibat's Diligence, Special Diving Talent Lands Her a Spot in Upcoming Nationals

As a distance specialist with the Eastern Express swimming club, Natalie Kalibat started to find her mind wandering during the team's arduous practice sessions.

During breaks, Kalibat started paying more and more attention to the divers practicing at The College of New Jersey pool, marveling at their acrobatic moves off the board.

With a four-year background in gymnastics, Kalibat eventually concluded that she would have a lot more fun soaring into the pool than churning through it.

Having switched her athletic focus, the 11-year-old Princeton resident has taken the express route to success in diving.

After joining the TCNJ-based Blue Dolphin diving club last September, Kalibat is soaring up the charts in the world of competitive diving. Earlier this month, she placed fifth in both the 11-and-under one-meter and three-meter events at a regional competition in Boston.

This weekend, Kalibat, a sixth-grader at John Witherspoon School, heads to Athens, Ga. to compete in those two events at the East Nationals.

Kalibat has no regrets about taking the step up to diving. "I was getting bored with swimming," said Kalibat, who competed in the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley. 'I would look up at the divers and I would see them doing triples. I thought that was so cool."

For Kalibat, making the move to the Blue Dolphin program has been a vital step in her progression as a diver.

"I started diving in the summers with the Community Park team,' recalled Kalibat. "We could only do one-meter dives with single flips and front dives. I joined the Blue Dolphin club last September. The coach, Candace Gottlieb, is very good. She has trained kids who have gone on to the Olympic trials."

While diving may be cool for Kalibat, it definitely has required a lot of work. On a typical week, Kalibat trains three hours a day from Monday to Thursday and two hours on Fridays.

"You have to stay in shape," explains Kalibat. "If you take two weeks off, you get out of shape."

Coach Gottlieb, for her part, has been impressed by her young protégé's work ethic. "She comes to practice everyday and works hard," said Gottlieb. "She is very disciplined. She is becoming very consistent. That is very special for someone who is 11."

Gottlieb also believes that Kalibat brings a special set of skills to the diving board. "She is really talented," asserted Gottlieb, who is also the head diving coach at TCNJ and was named the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 1997.

"She can spin well, she lines up well. She has a good body for the sport. She is already making difficult dives like the back two and a half and the one and a half inward double. I would say she is in the top 3 percent of athletes I have coached in terms of talent."

In Gottlieb's view, Kalibat learned some valuable lessons at the regional competition. "She actually could've been in the top three in her events at the regional," added Gottlieb.

"Her nerves got to her a little bit, she doesn't have a lot of experience in those kind of meets. I think Natalie has the potential of making the top 12 at the nationals."

The national meet could be the first of many big meets for the precocious Kalibat. "I'm ecstatic about her progress," declared Gottlieb, who also coached Hun School freshman Danica Roskos to the national meet. "Just to make the nationals is amazing. She has the potential to dive in college at a very good school."

Kalibat believes her experience at the regionals will help prepare her for this weekend and beyond.

"I had some of my best dives but I also didn't do as well as I can on some other dives," said Kalibat, who plans to start competing from the tower. "I'm excited about the nationals. I'd like to be in the top three. I want to make it to the Olympics someday."

With the rapid progress Kalibat has already made in diving, she certainly has reason to be excited about her future in the sport.

—Bill Alden

FLYING HIGH: Princeton resident Natalie Kalibat hones her diving skills in a workout at Community Park pool last summer. Kalibat, a sixth grader at John Witherspoon School, heads to Athens, Ga. this weekend to compete in the one-meter and three-meter springboard events at the East Nationals.

PHS Boys' Track Taking Its Lumps But Primed to Produce Big Finish

On the face of things, it would appear that the Princeton High boys' track team is headed for a rough spring.

Facing some of the area's tougher teams, the Little Tigers have started the season with a 1-4 record in dual meets.

While PHS head coach John Woodside isn't thrilled by his team's slow start record-wise, he believes his athletes could be headed for a big finish.

"It's been rough because we have gone against some of the best teams in the county," said Woodside, whose team has been bested by such formidable foes as Trenton, Hamilton, and Notre Dame.

"We've competed well and we've started to improve. We're making good progress. We did beat Hopewell; I've never beaten them in the spring. I was very proud of the kids."

Woodside is particularly proud of his senior star Tom McKinley, who broke the PHS school record in the pole vault last week when he went 13'10 in a tri-meet with Notre Dame and Hamilton.

"Tom was really jumping well last Tuesday, he was working his way up," said Woodside, noting that the previous record of 13' 9½ had stood for 30 years.

"We asked to have the bar moved up to 13'10. He missed on his first try but he made his second. It was a great moment, the whole team was watching because that was the last event still going in the meet."

Woodside said his distance runners have produced some good moments so far this spring. "Dan Cavallaro has won a lot of races," said Woodside, noting that the sophomore has only been bested twice this spring.

"He won both the 1,600 and the 3,200 against Trenton and Notre Dame. Christophe Dorsey has done some good things in the 1,600."

The PHS middle distance runners have also made strides. "We've gotten some good performances in the 800," added Woodside, who acknowledged that his team is young and inexperienced in the sprinting events.

"Louis Crocco, Louis Abramson, and Tom Natriello have all been around 2:07. Geoff Respoli has been dropping his time in the 400 but he has gone against some tough guys."

The Little Tigers have some tough guys in the field events in thrower T.R. Johnson and jumping specialist Ryan Trupin.

"T.R. Johnson has been very good in the shot put," noted Woodside. "He has been throwing consistently at 45 feet. His best has been 46' 10½. He's been a rock for us. We depend on him to pick up important points for us. Ryan has gone 6'0 in the high jump a couple of times. He has had a slight injury so we're resting him right now. I think he has a mild quad strain, he should be alright."

Woodside is confident that his team will be alright collectively as it goes deeper into the season. "We have three meets coming up that are winnable," asserted Woodside, whose team has a meet at Allentown on April 27 before hosting Nottingham on May 3.

"We'd like to get back up to .500. We have guys who can score in the Mercer County Championships and the sectionals like Tom, T.R., Dan, and Ryan. We have a lot of kids working hard and making progress. We're having a lot of fun."

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Hun Boys' Lax Aims to Sharpen Execution In Order to Expedite Development Process

Showing plenty of competitive fire, the Hun School boys' lacrosse team didn't let a chilly rain keep it from overcoming an early 3-0 deficit last Friday against visiting WW/P-S.

Outscoring the Pirates 5-1 in the second period, Hun took a 5-4 lead into the half. Hun built the lead to 7-4 with 10:33 left in the third quarter.

But unable to mix precision with their passion the Raiders were outscored 6-2 the rest of the way in dropping a 10-9 heartbreaker to the Pirates.

Afterward, Hun head coach Eric Kemp shook his head ruefully as he reflected on the loss. "It was a tight game," said Kemp, whose club dropped to 4-3 on the season with the setback.

"I thought we just didn't quite click today. We dropped passes. I don't think we executed that well. We were a little lackadaisical, part of that is that we're such a young team. It's been a little sloppy in practice lately and that stuff comes back to haunt you."

It was some sharp defense, though, that helped Hun get back into the game after its slow start.

"We switched out of a zone defense and went into a man-to-man," explained Kemp, who got 14 saves from sophomore goalie Trey Geier.

"They move the ball very well, quicker than we could respond. When we switched to man-to-man, we gained some momentum. I think that first goal gave us some confidence. With our style of offense, we were able to get into a flow."

Having sophomore midfielder A.J. Blackburn in the lineup for the first time since he injured his left ankle in preseason helped Hun's offensive flow.

"A.J. played great, considering that he's been out for a month," said Kemp of the elusive sophomore who scored three goals on the afternoon despite playing with a heavily taped ankle.

"He's worked hard everyday in practice even when he hasn't been able to play. He was dead-dog exhausted after the game. He played his heart out."

Kemp also got another fine effort from junior sharpshooter Matt Loy, who fired in four goals in the loss. "Matt played well," said Kemp, who got two goals from Jake Ballarotto and an assist from Colin Rosenblum. "He did get shut off a little bit at the end."

As the season goes on, Kemp expects his team to get shut off much less frequently. "We're a young team," said Kemp, whose club hosts East Brunswick on April 27 and Princeton Day School on April 29 before playing at the Hill School on April 30 and then playing in the state Prep A quarterfinals on May 2.

"I think we've played some tough teams. There is a learning curve with a young team and in that sense we are happy with how things have gone. But we expect more from them as they develop. That's what it's all about."

If the Raiders can learn a valuable lesson from last Friday's game, that could hasten their development process.

—Bill Alden

BODY BY JAKE: Hun School junior attacker Jake Ballarotto shields a WW/P-S defender with his body on the way to a two-goal effort in Hun's 10-9 loss to the Pirates last Friday. Hun, now 4-3, hosts East Brunswick on April 27 and Princeton Day School on April 29 before playing at the Hill School on April 30 and then playing in the state Prep A quarterfinals on May 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

BURNING HOT: Hun School sophomore midfielder A.J. Blackburn surveys the field last Friday in Hun's 10-9 loss to WW/P-S. Returning to action for the first time this season since suffering an ankle injury in March, Blackburn fired in three goals last Friday to give the Raiders a major spark.

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Star Catcher Zimmerman Provides a Spark As Hun Softball Looks to Build Momentum

As the starting catcher and a key run producer for the Hun School softball team, junior Christina Zimmerman has her finger on the pulse of the squad.

After the Raiders lost three of four games in the wake of a 2-0 start, Zimmerman sensed that the team lacked the edge that carried it to the state Prep A title in 2004.

"We had a really tough game against Lawrenceville the other day," said Zimmerman referring to the 4-0 setback to the archrival Big Red on April 19.

"After the game, we said come on guys, this is not us, this is not how we play. Everybody came into the season thinking things were going be like last year. We just need to get serious."

With Zimmerman leading the way, the Raiders showed some purpose last Thursday as they pounded out a 10-0 win at Princeton Day School.

"It was a great game, we definitely needed a confidence boost," said Zimmerman, who smacked two hits and drove in two runs in the victory. "Today we came out and we were more intense. I think it's taken us up to this game to jell."

STRIKE FORCE; Hun School pitcher Emily Rosenthal uncorks a pitch in action last spring. Last Saturday, the senior ace only allowed four hits as Hun beat Hopewell Valley 6-1 in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). The Raiders, who improved to 5-4 with the win, play at Blair on April 27, host Pennington on April 28, and Rutgers Prep on May 2. In addition, Hun which is seeded 10th in the MCT, will face second-seeded Notre Dame in the next round of the tourney, probably on April 30. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Defensively, Zimmerman has dealt with extra responsibility this spring as Hun was forced to give freshman Carly Evans some innings on the mound while senior ace Emily Rosenthal recovered from illness.

"Carly and I have been working since the fall," said Zimmerman. "At the beginning she had to adjust to me and I had to adjust to her. it's been a great experience. Carly has more pitches than I have fingers on my hand. Carly has the makings of a great junk pitcher. Emily is a solid force pitcher."

At the plate, Zimmerman put in extra time in an effort to make herself into a force with the bat. "I worked so hard this winter, staying after practice and hitting in the cage," said Zimmerman.

"I came in my freshman year and hit well. As a sophomore I didn't do as well. I feel confident that I can come up with the big hits this year."

Hun head coach Kathy Quirk is confident that Zimmerman can spark the Raiders. "Christina is very spirited," said Quirk. "She does a nice job behind the plate and her bat came alive today."

Like her junior catcher, Quirk acknowledged that the Raiders have been struggling to find their form. "We just don't know," said Quirk, when asked if she could pinpoint what was holding her team back.

"We tried changing lineups. I've tried a flex player; we just couldn't seem to get on the ball. We were making errors where we shouldn't be. We have gotten some hits but we just haven't capitalized on them."

Quirk is hoping that the intensity her club showed in the win over PDS will be a harbinger of things to come.

"I think we just need to keep the attitude we had today," said Quirk, whose club followed the PDS victory by beating Hopewell Valley 6-1 last Saturday in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. "That will bring us success."

In upcoming action, Hun, now 5-4, plays at Blair on April 27, hosts Pennington on April 28, and Rutgers Prep on May 2. The Raiders, who are seeded 10th in the MCT, will face second-seeded Notre Dame in the next round of the tourney, probably on April 30.

Zimmerman, for her part, believes that competing in the MCT will help keep Hun focused.

"We are seeded 10th but I think we've really shown well against the public schools," said Zimmerman, noting that Hun lost tight contests to Steinert and Allentown.

"I really think we can do well against the public schools, I think we will do well in the MCT. I think our momentum is just going to build."

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PDS Softball Making Daily Strides As It Aims to Maintain Intensity

After falling behind Hun 4-0 in the third inning last Thursday, the players on Princeton Day School softball team could've hung their heads.

Instead, the Panthers kept up the chatter in the field and stood as one in the dugout to cheer for their hitters when they were at bat.

While PDS ended up losing 10-0 to the Raiders, Panther head coach Trese Lang was pleased with the commitment shown by her charges.

"We took a major step forward today," said Lang. "The scoreboard didn't reflect it but I thought we showed intensity the whole game."

With PDS off to a 4-5 start, Lang sees the program as headed in the right direction. "I'm happy with the way we are playing right now," asserted Lang. "We are where we want to be, we are improving everyday. We're still a very young team and we're just going to get better and better."

In Lang's view, the performance of her sophomore pitcher Nicole Auerbach, symbolizes her team's potential. "I thought Nicole did an excellent job today," said Lang, who has no seniors on her roster. "She pitched really well and limited her walks. She held her ground on the mound."

Playing against Prep A teams like Hun should help PDS in its bid to hold its ground in the Patriot Conference. "You learn from the experience of playing a team like Hun," explained Lang.

"They are always a quality team and program. It's a growing experience: We're shooting to do well in the Patriot Conference. We would have to beat teams like Rutgers Prep, Pennington, and Timothy Christian. That's a tough road; everyone can win on any given day."

PDS will be depending on such veterans as junior shortstop and co-captain Cait McPhaden to show some toughness. "Cait has really grown up into being a quiet leader," said Lang. "She has taken on more responsibility. She is really talking to the younger kids and her teammates follow her."

With the influence of leaders like McPhaden, PDS appears to have the right mindset to keep improving. "After the game, I asked the kids whether they thought they lost this game or whether they just didn't win," said Lang, whose club hosts Blair on April 28 before playing at Rutgers Prep on April 29.

"The majority of them said that we just didn't win. That tells me that the intensity level, the heart, and the focus is there. You want kids on your team who are going to keep coming back day after day, looking to grind it out and find a way. Hopefully that will bring us some nice things the rest of the season."

—Bill Alden

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UNDER CONTROL: Princeton Day School pitching ace Nicole Auerbach fires a pitch in action last spring. Auerbach, a sophomore, has played a major role in helping PDS get off to a promising 4-5 start this spring. In upcoming action, the Panthers host Blair on April 28 before playing at Rutgers Prep on April 29. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PDS Boys' Tennis Off to Good Start, Looking to Make Statement at MCT

With plenty of talent at his disposal, Rome Campbell came into this spring with some lofty expectations for his Princeton Day School boys' tennis team.

Although the Panthers have gotten out of the gate with a 9-3 start, Campbell will tell you that the team hasn't reached its potential.

"We've had some good wins but we've also had some bad losses," said Campbell, whose club has lost to Lawrenceville, Princeton High, and Germantown Academy. "We're on a good roll but we really haven't beaten anyone really substantial. We've been inconsistent."

PDS does have a model of consistency in its precocious freshman David Holland, who is 12-0 at first singles. "David has been outstanding, he's been enjoyable to watch," said Campbell, whose team topped crosstown rival Hun 4-1 last Monday.

"He hasn't really been pushed yet this spring. All of his matches have been two sets and the most games he's given up has been 10 (in a 7-6, 6-4 win over Princeton High star Chris Hoeland.)"

PDS has gotten good, if not spectacular work, from second singles Vik Gupta (10-2 record) and third singles Seth Stein (9-3).

"Vik has been playing better lately," said Campbell, referring to the talented senior who also has played basketball and soccer at PDS. "He changed his backhand from a chop to topspin and that has helped him a lot. He needs to be more aggressive. Seth has been good. He has only three losses and two were disappointing as he lost 0 and 3."

At doubles, Campbell concedes that both his first pair of Bo Marshall and Neil Sharma and his second duo of Neil Sharma and Pat Murphy are works in progress.

"The second doubles is gelling, they are becoming a team," added Campbell. "The first team needs to play more; they should be together the rest of the season."

Campbell is hoping his charges will raise their level of play at this week's Mercer County Tournament (MCT), which is slated to start on April 26 and conclude on April 28.

The Panthers have already earned respect through the MCT seedings. In singles, Holland earned the No. 1 seed while Gupta and Stein were both seeded third. In doubles, the team of Marshall and Sharma was seeded fourth while the pair of Sharma and Murphy was ranked fifth.

Campbell is hoping his players can live up to those rankings. "That is our best showing as far as seeds in a long time," said Campbell, whose team is also slated to host Pingry on May 3.

"We haven't been seeded in the top five in all five flights for a while. Everybody has a winning record, that shows good play throughout the team. Our first goal was to get people seeded. The second goal is to get a lot of kids making it to the second day."

If PDS succeeds in that latter goal, it could be the first of many special days this spring.

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When Marlins center fielder Juan Pierre finally sat out a game in early April 2005, it marked the first time in 299 games that he wasn't atop Florida's batting order. That's a long way from the hallowed consecutive-game record of Cal Ripken Jr., but Pierre has still been an iron man of sorts. In fact, he was the only big leaguer to play every inning of every game for his team in 2004. The last player to do that was Detroit's Travis Fryman in 1995. But the record is held by Ripken, of course. Amazingly, he played every inning of every game for four straight seasons from 1983 through 1986.

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Speaking of longevity, let's pay homage to an iron man of the ice who clearly plays his game for love and not money. United Hockey League veteran Mike Kerr holds the minor league record for goals with 673. Earning at most $750 per month, Kerr neared the end of the 2005 season with more than 1,200 minor-league games played. He's been the sport's most notorious nomad, having played for Rochester (twice), Cincinnati (three times), Fort Wayne (twice), Flint (three times), Quad Cities (twice), Portland, Utica, Birmingham, Mobile, Toledo, Rockford, Elmira and Kalamazoo — among others.

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PHS

Baseball: Jon Lauri had a big day on the mound and at the plate to lead PHS to a 14-8 win over New Egypt last Wednesday. Lauri went six innings on the mound in getting the win and had a 2-for-4 day at the plate with two RBIs. Rob Begin went 3-for 4 with an RBI and Jake Horan went 2-for-3 with three RBIs as PHS improved to 4-5 on the season. The Little Tigers play at Ewing on April 27, host Montgomery on April 29, and then play at Hopewell Valley on May 2.

Softball: Trailing just 2-1 after three innings, PHS fell apart as it lost 12-2 to Nottingham last Thursday in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament. PHS, now 4-5, has road games at Ewing on April 27, at Franklin on April 29, and at Hopewell Valley on May 2.

Girls' Lacrosse: Unable to slow Pennington's attack, PHS dropped a 16-8 decision to the Red Raiders last Friday. Sarah Wright scored three goals and Liz Haughton added two as the Little Tigers fell to 3-5 on the season. PHS hosts WW/P-N on April 28 before playing at Hun on May 3.

Golf: PHS kept rolling as it beat Highstown 213-254 last Thursday to improve to 10-1 on the season. Mike DiMeglio shot a 40 to lead the way for the Little Tigers. PHS has home matches against Haddonfield on April 27 and Hopewell Valley on April 28.

HUN

Baseball: Led by a hitting outburst from Brian Scanlon, Hun blanked Academy of New Church 10-0 last Monday. Scanlon pounded out two doubles and knocked in five runs as the Raiders improved to 7-3 on the season. Gene Pavitt got the win on the mound and also chipped in an RBI. In upcoming action, the Raiders host St. Benedict's on April 27 and Pennington School on April 29 before playing Princeton Day School on May 2 at Waterfront Park.

Girls' Lacrosse: Senior stars Ashley Wycoff and Bis Fries both came up big as Hun breezed to a 20-1 win over Lawrence last Monday. Wycoff and Fries each scored six goals as the Raiders improved to 6-2 on the season. Hun hosts Notre Dame on April 27, plays at Pennington on April 29 and Hill on April 30, and then hosts Princeton High on May 3.

Boys' Tennis: The Raiders fell 4-1 to Princeton Day School last Monday to drop to 4-6 on the season. Hun's lone victory of the match was produced by the first doubles pair of Ren Gibbs and Nick Ventura. The Raiders compete in the Mercer County Tournament on April 26 and 28 before playing in the NEMA Tournament at Blair on April 30 and then playing at Pennington on May 2.

STUART

Lacrosse: Paced by a big effort from Mary Jane Sweetland, Stuart breezed to a 15-3 win over Purnell last Monday. Sweetland scored four goals and had an assist while Kelly Bruvik chipped in three goals as the Tartans improved to 5-6 on the season. In upcoming action, Stuart is slated to host Ewing on April 28 and WW/P-S on May 2.

PDS

Boys' Lacrosse: Derek Mayer, Patrick Briody, and David Blitzer scored two goals apiece but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 12-6 to Montgomery last Friday. The Panthers, who slipped to 4-2 with the setback, play at Hopewell Valley on April 27 and at Hun on April 29.

Girls' Lacrosse: Katy Briody and Meg Kerwin sparked the attack to lead PDS to a 12-0 rout over Ewing last Friday. Briody scored four goals and had three assists while Kerwin chipped in two goals and three assists as the Panthers improved to 5-3. In upcoming action, PDS plays at WW/P-S on April 28 and at George School on April 30 before hosting Hopewell Valley on May 2.

Golf: PDS fell 219-227 to Hopeweli Valley last Wednesday in a match played at Bedens Brook Club. The Panthers, now 3-6, face Pennington on April 27 at Hopewell Valley Country Club and Morristown-Beard on April 28 at Somerset Hills before hosting George on May 3.

Baseball: Drew Godwin had a big day at the plate to help lead PDS to a 9-3 win over Timothy Christian last Thursday. Godwin smacked a homer and had three RBIs as the Panthers improved to 4-6 on the season. In upcoming action, PDS hosts Rutgers Prep on April 29 before playing at Keyport on April 30 and then facing Hun on May 2 at Waterfront Park.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Lacrosse: Evan Sullivan had a big day as Lawrenceville routed Bridgewater-Raritan 12-1 last Saturday. Sullivan fired in four goals while goalie Andrew DiLoreto made seven saves to help spearhead the defense. Lawrenceville, now 10-0, hosts Christian Brothers Academy on April 27 and Princeton High on April 30.

Girls' Lacrosse: The high-powered trio of Nellie Morris, Sara Flood, and Madison Linville led the way as Lawrenceville topped Hopewell Valley 17-9 last Monday. Morris scored five goals while Linville added four and Flood had three as the Big Red improved to 8-1. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville plays at Lawrence High on April 27, faces Ridgewood on April 30 at Somerville Field, and then hosts Pennington School on May 3.

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PASSING GRADE: Princeton High junior midfielder Kyle Novak lofts a pass in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Novak chipped in an assist but it wasn't enough as the Little Tigers fell 10-4 to visiting North Hunterdon. PHS, now 6-3, plays at Hunterdon Central on April 27, at Lawrenceville on April 29, and at Notre Dame on May 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

HEADING NORTH: Hun School senior star Shantee Darrian beams as she signs a letter of intent last week to play on a basketball scholarship with Providence College of the Big East Conference. Joining Darrian were Hun Headmaster Dr. James Byer, left, and Hun girls' basketball coach Bill Holup. Darrian averaged nearly 20 points per game this past winter as she led the Raiders to a 22-3 season, the best record in program history.

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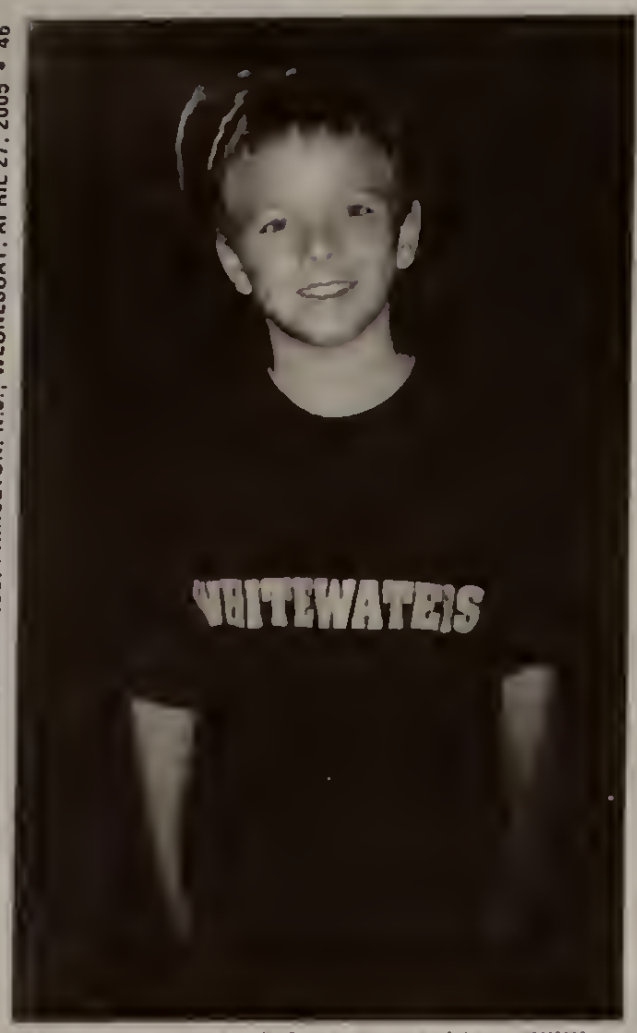

MAKING WAVES: Princeton resident William Stange, 8, is all smiles after taking first place in the 25-yard backstroke at the annual New Jersey Mini Championship Meet recently held at Seton Hall University. Stange, a member of the Princeton Whitewaters Swim Team, posted a personal best of 19.22 as he emerged as the fastest swimmer among the 57 swimmers entered in the age eight-and-under backstroke category. Stange also took fifth in the 25 butterfly.

LOCAL SPORTS

PHS Football Team Holding Youth Camp

Princeton High football coach Stephen Everette will be holding the program's annual youth football camp on June 22-24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the PHS turf football stadium.

The non-contact camp is open to youths ages 8-14 and will focus on helping participants develop their football skills and better understand the fundamentals of the game. The camp involves both group and individual instruction and is suited for beginners as well as more experienced players.

The cost of the camp is $100 for all three days or $35 for single-day sessions. Scholarships are available. For more information, call (609) 204-1850 or e-mail Stephen_Everette@monet.prs.k12.nj.us.

PHS Hall of Fame Dinner Still Has Openings

The Princeton High Athletics Hall of Fame still has openings to the public for its 2005 induction dinner to be held on May 14 at the Doral Forrestal.

Those interested in attending the dinner should contact Judy Lavery with the PHS athletics office at (609) 806-4290 for details regarding the cost of tickets and the schedule of events that evening.

Little League Holding Pitch, Hit, Run Event

The Princeton Little League will be holding a Pepsi Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run competition on April 29 at 6 p.m. at Grover Park's Field No. 1 near the Princeton Shopping Center.

The Pepsi Major League Pitch, Hit, and Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. The program is designed to provide participants with the chance, free of charge, to compete in an event that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball skills.

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All participants must fill out a registration/waiver form before competing. For more information, contact Ernie Barsamian at ebarsamian @aol.com

Rec Summer Hoops Managers' Meeting

The Princeton Recreation Department will be holding the men's summer basketball managers' meeting on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Rec Department office at 380 Witherspoon Street.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the league must attend the meeting. For more information, contact Ben Stentz by phone at (609) 921-9480 or via e-mail at stentz@princeton-township.nj.us.

PHS Baseball Clinic Being Held May 1

The Princeton High School baseball team will be holding its fifth annual spring training youth baseball clinic on May 1 at the PHS gymnasiums. Participants should enter at the PHS front entrance on Moore Street.

The program is being run by PHS head baseball coach John Miranda together with the team's players. There will be two sessions with the first running from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. and the second going from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Topics to be covered include hitting, throwing, fielding, baserunning, and catching. The clinic is open to players of ages 5-13. The price is $25 per session and registration is at the door on May 1. All checks should be made payable to PHS Baseball Booster Club.

Softball Skills Event Set For April 30

A softball skills competition is being held on April 30 for Montgomery and Princeton girls in grades 1-8.

To accommodate weekend schedules, the competition will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Orchard Hill Elementary School in Montgomery Township.

Participants will compete in base running, fielding, throwing, and hitting categories. Individual medals will be awarded to the top three finishers with an overall champion being crowned for each grade. Individual event and overall champions will be formally recognized when the Princeton High softball team plays at Montgomery High on May 7 at Lubas Field in Montgomery.

The entry fee is $7 for all five competitions, and checks can be made payable to the MHS Booster Club. Interested participants can pre-register by sending an e-mail with their name and grade to bmaurer 233@yahoo.com.

Tee-shirts and concessions will also be available for purchase. If necessary, the rain date make-up will be May 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mercer Junior Rowing Girls' Boat Takes Title

The Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) girls' varsity eight boat took first of 25 teams in the Super Sprints women's varsity eight race hosted by the Princeton International Regatta Association and the MJRC at Mercer Lake in Mercer County Park.

The winning MJRC boat included: Emily Steele of Princeton High; Halley McDaniel of PHS; Erin Conlon of WW/P-S; Rachel La Bella of WW/P-S; Katie Hyer of WW/P-S; Margarethe Van Der Tuin of Millburn High; Hannah Gursky of PHS; Katherine Boyce of PHS; and Becca Fein of Princeton Day School.

More than 70 rowing clubs and 2,500 competitors took part in the sprints regatta, which is in its second year.

Princeton Youth Soccer Recent Results

The Princeton Paws, a Princeton Soccer Association Under -11 girls' travel team, came from behind to tie an unbeaten Yardley team 2-2 last Sunday.

Janie Smukler scored both goals for Princeton. Leila Schochet and Amanda Orlak provided offensive pressure, while Mason O'Brien and Katie Reilly spearheaded the defensive effort. Kelsi Smith and Mia Haughton played well in sharing the goalkeeping duties for the Paws.

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Jazz Club

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amount of dust and noise." The zone also allows for commercial garages and gasoline service stations, as well as retail stores.

But the S-2 also abuts the R-9 residential zone. Area residents fear that two nightly jazz performances, combined with the regular clientele of the restaurant, which would be open until 1 a.m., would create disturbances that nearby businesses like the Shell Station do not.

But Mr. Distler said that his restaurant, tentatively called "Astons," would not generate the kind of activity that has been described by the club's detractors.

"Some places have people who play all night, with folks coming in and buying drinks and doing what they want — this is not what we're planning on doing," he said, adding that reservations and table turnover would be handled in a manner that would leave "two-hour windows" for patrons during each performance.

"The idea is that we want to ensure that we can move the people out freely from the first performance before people start showing up for the second performance."

Mr. Distler said that while he expected some people to stay at the bar up until closing, the "bulk of the people" would leave the restaurant by 11 p.m.

The valet-only parking during dinner hours troubled some Board members. Mr. Distler, who also owns the former Stefanelli's Garage at the corner of Bayard Lane and Leigh Avenue, had once intended to use that area as off-site parking. That element of the plan was withdrawn, however, in the face of the lawsuit filed that claimed Mr. Distler violated state municipal land use laws by not notifying residents within 200 feet of that property. A New Jersey Superior Court Judge rejected the plaintiff position that the withdrawal of off-site parking was a "ploy to limit notice and avoid the parking needs of the proposed jazz club."

With off-site parking out of the picture, Mr. Distler first outlined to SPRAB in February a system that would provide all parking on-site with stacked — or closed in — spaces.

But Zoning Board member Janet Stern worried that customers who did not want to partake in a valet-only system would opt to park on the nearby residential streets.

Mr. Distler said that while he can encourage customers to use the valet system, he would not be able to determine where people park.

One Bayard Lane resident wondered why the application hearing was taking place at all; "We're talking about putting a night club in a residential neighborhood — why does anything else have to be said?"

Harris Road resident James Floyd asked the Zoning Board to "look beyond the immediate neighborhood."

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OBITUARIES

Edward R. Farley Jr.

Edward Raymond Farley Jr., 86, of Princeton, died April 25 at home.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., he was the grandson of Irish immigrants. His parents were in the liquor and saloon business in Staten Island.

Educated on Staten Island and at the Lawrenceville School, he graduated from Princeton University in 1940 with an A.B. in politicaf science. He went on to receive a J.D./L.L.B. from Harvard Law School in 1943.

He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1944 and joined the Wall Street firm of Simpson, Thatcher, and Bartfett.

In 1956, he joined Atlas Corporation, a uranium mining and holding company whose securities were listed on both the New York and American Stock Exchanges. Starting as vice president, he became president and CEO. The company engaged in mining operations in Moab, Utah, and the Marshall Islands. As a holding company, it once owned Madison Square Garden, as well as many cosmetic and household products.

During his career he served as chairman of the executive committee of Lincoln Savings Bank in Brooklyn and director of the American Nuclear Energy Council. After moving to Princeton in 1958, he became active in many community activities in Mercer County, serving as both a member and head of the board of trustees of The Lawrenceville School for 14 years, and as chairman of the board of The Medical Center at Princeton for 22 years. He was also active in the local Red Cross, a member of the Atomic Industrial Forum, a trustee of Dial Lodge at Princeton University, a trustee of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, and a trustee of the Corella and Bertram Bonner Foundation.

In 1985 he was invested as a Knight of Malta by John Cardinal O'Connor. In 1987 he was honored as the Irishman of the Year by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Mercer County, Inc. In 1990, he was honored for his contribution to amateur football in the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

Predeceased by a son, Thomas Joyce Farley, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Irene Daly Farley; two daughters, Nancy Farley Jarrell of Tucson, Ariz. and Jane Farley von Oehsen of Princeton; a son, Edward III of Sarasota, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 29 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Princeton University Chapel. Following mass, family and friends are invited to share their memories at the Nassau Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, 101 Drakes Corner Road, Princeton 08540.

Benjamin B. Tregoe Jr.

Benjamin B. Tregoe Jr., 77, of Princeton, died April 20 of complications from non-Hodgkin's fymphoma. He was the co-founder and chairman emeritus of Kepner-Tregoe, Inc.

Bom and raised in California, he graduated from Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, he received his bachelor's degree from Whittier College and a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University.

In 1958, he co-founded Kepner-Tregoe, Inc., an international management consulting firm headquartered in Princeton, which today conducts business in over 50 countries and 20 languages.

Mr. Tregoe was a leading lecturer and the author of several books. His first, *The Rational Monager*, which he co-authored with Dr. Charles Kepner in 1965, is recognized as a landmark publication in the field of management methodology. In 1993, he realized a long-held dream when he established the Tregoe Education Forum. The nonprofit organization provides middle and high school students with critical thinking skills needed to effectively solve problems, make decisions, and work together.

He served on the boards of directors of the J.M. Smucker Company, the Nationaf Alliance of Business, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, Whittier College, Trenton After School Program, and Princeton Day School. He also served as chairman of an advisory committee to the dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard.

He was a member and elder of Nassau Presbyterian Church, and a member of St. Simon-by-the-Sea Church in Mantoloking.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Gill Tregoe; a son, Benjamin IIf of Boston; two daughters, Elizabeth Gonzafez of Manhattan and Cynthia Richetti of Hopewell; and two grandchifdren.

A memorial service was held on April 25 at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tregoe Graduate Fellowship Fund at Harvard University, University Hail 3 North, Cambridge, Mass. 02138; or to The Cancer Support Group and programs of care of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Mabel Lolly Dey

Mabel Lolly Dey, 82, of Monroe Township, died April 4 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Bom in Monmouth Junction, she was a graduate of Princeton High School, class of 1940. She had been a resident of Plainsboro and Princeton Junction from 1922 to 2000 before moving to Meadow Lakes.

She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and also served as a volunteer for many years at the Medical Center at Princeton.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck and West Windsor Keenagers, and a former member of Princeton Chapter O.E.S. No. 91.

The daughter of the late Leroy and Mabel MacKenzie, she was predeceased also by her husband, Lawrence C. Dey. She is survived by two sons, Charlie of Princeton Junction and Alan of Cranbury; a daughter, Linda McDonald of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held April 8 at First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction. Private burial took place at Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, 154 South Mill Road, Princeton Junction 08550; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Siang-Yuan Chen

Siang-Yuan Chen, 68, of Princeton Junction, died April 2 at home.

Bom in Jiang-Su, China, he attended Taiwan University before emigrating to the United States to receive a master's degree in accounting from Appafachian State University. Recently retired, he had worked as an accountant for a number of investment firms.

He was an accomplished collector of antique oriental art, deriving great joy through his appreciation of the workmanship and beauty of intricate sculptures and artwork.

He is survived by his wife, Freda; a daughter, Sharon; a son, Andrew; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was April 9 at The Kimble Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th Street, New York, N.Y.

Harry H. Hall Jr.

Harry H. Hall Jr., 79, of Princeton, died April 18 in the Princeton Care Center.

Bom in Inlet, N.Y., he was a 1948 graduate of Princeton University, where he played on the undefeated golf team.

He was a United States Marine, serving during the Korean War.

He retired from Interwoven Sock Company, New Brunswick, as a sales executive.

He was a six-time winner of the club championship at Springdale Golf Club. He was also a member of Pine Valley Golf Club, where he won the Crump Cup in 1957.

Son of the late Harry H. and Madeline Wood Hall Sr., and husband of the late Mary B. Hall, he is survived by a son, Harry III of Plainsboro; a daughter, Virginia Wood of Neenah, Wis.; a brother, John P. Hall of Kingston, N.Y.; a sister, Mary J. Hutto of Colorado; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held this Friday, April 22 at 1 p.m. at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Karl D. Pettit Jr.

Karl Dravo Pettit Jr., 89, ol Lambertville, formerly of Princeton, died April 14 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Bom in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the first of seven children of the late Karl D. Pettit and Estelle Fitch Pettit, who moved to Princeton in 1922.

He attended Princeton Country Day School and The Hun School before graduating from the Ashville School in 1935. At Ashville he excelled in track and football, and was selected for the first team All Western North Carolina squad. He then attended Princeton University where he was a member of Cannon Club and the class of 1939.

He served during World War If as a Naval fighter pilot and as an instructor in the Navy Aviator's Night Fighter program. He remained in the Naval Reserve until 1959 when he retired as a lieutenant commander. Following the war, he raised his family in Princeton. He moved to Lambertville four years ago.

For his entire career, he worked in the mutual fund industry and as an investment counselor. He was sales director for Knickerbocker Fund from 1946 to 1952, president of Future Planning Corporation from 1952 to 1960, and a regional sales manager for Waddell & Reed from 1961 until his retirement in 2001.

He was a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers Ethics Committee from 1952 to 1960.

He was active with Princeton alumni activities.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Springdale Golf Club from 1948 to 1970. In Lambertville, where he attended the Presbyterian Church, he was known as a vigorous walker and sidewalk philosopher.

Predeceased by his wife, Ruth Aten Pettit, he is survived by his four children, Helen E. Pettit of Lambertville, Karl D. III of New Hope, Pa., Katherine P. Cruser of Princeton, and Dorothy R. Pettit of Westport, Conn.; three brothers, Walter of Piedmont, Calif., William of Princeton, and Samuel of Wilmington, Del.; two sisters, Mary P. Funk of Princeton and Barbara P. Finch of Atlantic Highlands; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton Regional Ballet School's Ruth Pettit Scholarship for young girls. For information, call Barry Henson at (732) 249-1254, ext. 22.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Domenico Pirone

Domenico Pirone, 76, of Princeton, died April 15 in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Bom in Pettoranello Di Molise, Italy, he was the owner and operator of Domenico Pirone Landscaping in Princeton.

He was a parishioner of St. Paul's Church and a member of the Princeton Italian-American Sportsman Club, the Societa Roma Etema, and the Pettoranello Garden Club.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Pirone; a son, Mark of Chevy Chase, Md.; a daughter, Dana Pirone Garrity of Newtown Square, Pa.; a sister, Enrichetta Pirone Rossi of Pettoranello, Italy; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was April 20 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 47 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton 08609; or to The American Cancer Society of New Jersey, Mercer County Chapter, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648.

Frank Rathauser

Dr. Frank Rathauser, 91, of Princeton, died April 25 in Greenwood House, Ewing Township.

Bom in Newark, he had previously lived in Trenton for many years.

He was a graduate of Lafayette College and New York University Medical School. He served his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital and practiced general surgery. fn 1958 he completed his fellowship in pediatric surgery at Philadefphia Children's Hospital and returned to New Jersey to become the state's first pediatric surgeon. He was on the medical staff at Princeton Medical Center and Capital Health System at Mercer and Fuld for many years.

He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ronnie Hans Rathauser; two sons, Dr. John Rathauser of Kendall Park and Dr. Robert Rathauser of Belle Mead; a daughter, Bette Rosenberg of Woodbury, N.Y.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel, 1534 Pennington Road, Ewing Township. Burial will follow at Ewing Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be offered to Greenwood House, 53 Walter Street, Ewing 08628.

Memorial Service For Paul K. Weimer

A memorial service for Paul K. Weimer of Princeton, who died January 6, will be held this Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. in the Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street.

ETHEL BRADLEY REYDEL

Ethel Bradley Reydel, 68, passed away on April 22, 2005, at the Hospice House in Vero Beach, FL.

She was born to Jean and Edwin Bradley Carnell in Albany, NY and lived in Blue Bell, PA and Vero Beach, FL. She is survived by her husband, John J. Reydel, and her children, Amy Reydel Fuchs of Buffalo, NY and John J. Reydel Jr. of Marion, MA, and her grandson, Jackson Reydel. She is also survived by her sister, Linda Hlavacek Silver of Pennington, NJ and her brother, Andrew Newbury Carnell of Albany, NY and Sanibel, FL.

Ethel Bradley graduated from the Albany Academy for Girls and the University of Vermont. She was an elementary school teacher for many years in Dutch Neck, NY and Tripoli, Libya.

A private family service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to either Germantown Academy (PO Box 287, Fort Washington, PA 19034) or The Lawrenceville School (PO Box 6125, Lawrenceville, NJ 08640).

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The program will feature Sheket, the junior choir of the Princeton Jewish Center.

Dr. Marvin Goldstein, associate professor of psychology, will speak on "Why Some People Become Their Brothers' Keepers: Stories of Rescue."

UNITED BY FAITH: Church Women United will hold their annual interfaith salad buffet luncheon at noon on May 6, at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Planners for the event, from left, are Evangeline Stokes, Lula Venable, and Margaret Liffiton. Instead of a fee for the lunch there will be a free will offering for the organization's camp fund, which has provided scholarships to local day camps for more than 50 years.

The service is free and open to the public. For more information, call (609) 896-5345.

Princeton Area Church Women United will hold their annual May Friendship Day Luncheon at All Saints' Episcopal Church on Friday, May 6, at noon. The luncheon will feature salads prepared by women from ten Princeton churches.

Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, senior lecturer in sociology at Princeton University, will give a talk focusing on ways to support the concerns of whites, blacks, and immigrants in the community. Ms. Fernandez-Kelly is an elder at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church and a trustee of the Princeton Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Deidre McCarthy, Director of Princeton Nursery School on Leigh Avenue, will also speak, on the school's summer activities. Since 1961, Church Women United of Princeton has selected a group of local summer day camps and programs, and raised funds for scholarships for children who would otherwise be unable to attend. The Nursery School has been an annual recipient.

Although there is no fee for the luncheon, a free will offering for the Camp Scholarship Fund will be taken. For more information, call Catherine Stroup at (609) 759-3442.

Dr. Iain R. Torrance, president of **Princeton Theological Seminary**, was one of two delegates representing the world's 75 million Reformed Christians at the installation of Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on Sunday. The other delegate was Gottfried Locher, a vice president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), representing the Swiss Reformed Churches.

Clifton Kirkpatrick, president of WARC, an international communion of some 200 member churches, invited Dr. Torrance to represent WARC as the president of the nation's largest Presbyterian seminary.

Dr. Torrance, who was installed in his post on March 11, has been a member of the International Dialogue between the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Orthodox Church since 1992, and executive director of the Dialogue since 1994.

"Pope Benedict XVI is now the focus of the prayers of all Christians," Dr. Torrance said. "May God pour out His blessing upon him. A brilliant intellectual, the pope faces a daunting array of practical issues, and we pray that God will sustain him and grant him the strength to reach new conclusions."

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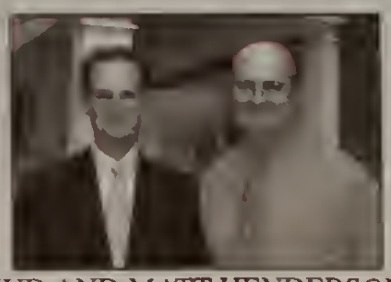

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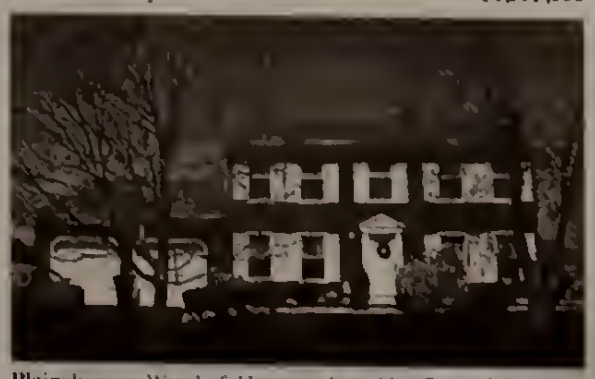

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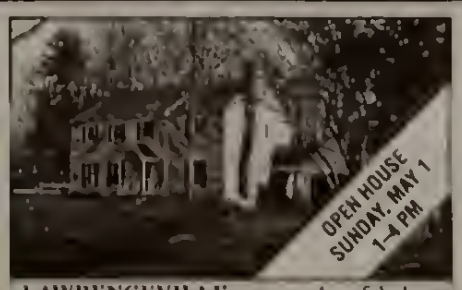

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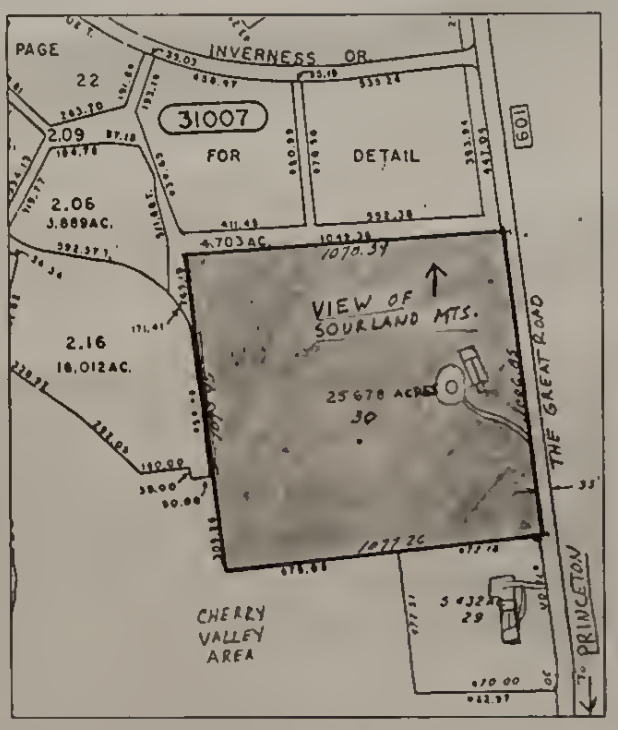

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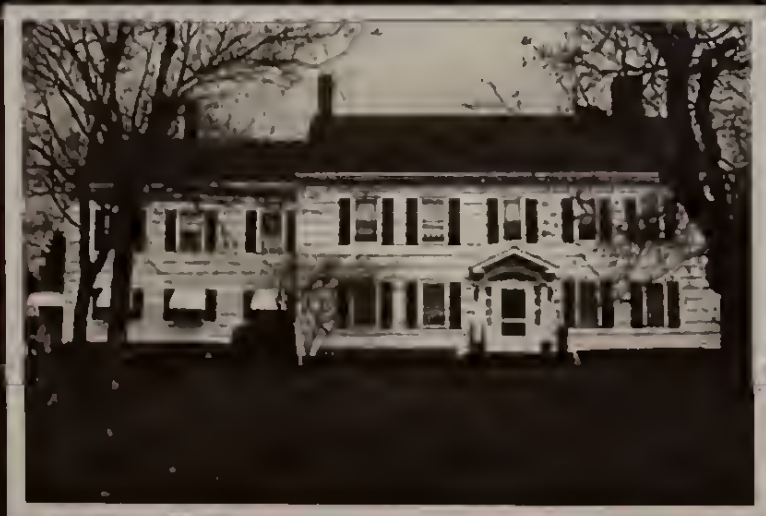

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